

GRUPO DE CONVIVIO

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GROUP OF CONVIVIALITY

This work describes a process of group attendance with families, called "Group of Conviviality", carried out in the clinic of Occupational Therapy of the PUC- Campinas, in the Program of Improvement in Occupational Therapy with Children and Adolescents. The attendance is developed by occupational therapists of the program, having had the length of one year, with 40 weekly hours, performed in the hospital and ambulatory contexts. The Group of Conviviality started to be constituted, in 2002, with children who, even with intense therapeutic program, presented little evolution, due to the significant limitations concerning to the perception of themselves and the others, the possibility of personal and objective interaction and interaction with the environment; great difficulty in the locomotion and the functional use of the body, intellectual deficiency and emotional disorders; all these difficulties associates or, isolated, with significant vulnerability of the autonomy. Amongst the objectives considered in the group it is intended: to support the parents for properly dealing with their children and with the search for autonomy so that the very family members can identify, plan and carry out the necessary activities to welfare of all, without the constant intervention of the therapist. Amongst these necessary activities are, not only the ones regarding to auto-care and caring for the special ones, but also the activities of leisure, formal and not formal education and the mediation in the personal interactions. Throughout the time of existence of the group, it has consolidated itself beyond the therapeutic setting proposed, and reached the daily life of each participant, who worry with one another, change daily calls, and arrange meetings out of the attendance context. At last, it deals with a work that aims at providing a different look that goes beyond the diagnosis and the lack of possibilities; that admits differences making room for the coexistence in the world that belongs to us all, showing that differences have always been there and are just a small part of our interactions.