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"Salud y Entorno en perspectiva interdisciplinaria. Prueba piloto barrio Monte Terrabusi "
"Health and Environment from an interdisciplinary perspectivePilot Experience Monte
Terrabusi neighbourhood"

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Introduction

This presentation will focus on the health issue from an interdisciplinary perspective including the work of OT, SA, architects and psychologists, in an attempt to widen the mainstream approach centered on biology and sanitary attention.

Objective

The generation of spaces of interdisciplinary articulation to work with children and family groups in their internal and external environment, parallel to and articulated with their habitats.

Description/ report

Within this framework, the concept of Environment is incorporated as a central and constituting aspect of a more comprehensive health policy. It intends to generate interdisciplinary spaces articulated with habitat and domestic settings with the intention of working with children and family groups in their internal and external environments.

We present the state of development of an experience in Monte Terrabusi neighbourhood in Mar del Plata as an extreme case because of the nearness with the garbage dump and its use as a strategy for survival, where we identify factors of the environment representing serious obstacles to health state.

Lack of water facilities, garbage thrown at their doors, unhabitable houses due to precarious materials and insufficient space are some of the situations that make the environment lack coherence, which transforms it into a high risk situation. Conditions necessary for covering basic human rights such as food, shelter, warmth and a dignified habitat are not met.

Contributions; discussion

Some working hypotheses constructed on a pilot field experience are presented together with preliminary results of the process enforcing participative action strategies that promote gradual changes in life styles.

Articulated spaces are proposed to expand the possibilities of the disciplinary field of OT, thus contributing to the establishment of other theoretical and also practical epistemological spaces

Conclusions

We consider it is time for privileging concrete actions. This work intends to contribute with elements for transfer and effective instrumentation by health-related executive organisms

Contributions to the practice of OT

Occupational Therapy has the opportunity to work where people develop their daily lives, their homes and surrounding environment.