

Terapeando en el Amazonas: Experiencia de Práctica de T.O. en Programa de Voluntariado, Lamas - Perú (2008). Giving Therapy in the Amazonas: Practicum of Occupational Therapy in Volunteer Programme, Lamas - Perú (2008)

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Intruduction: Since 2003, the Fundación América Solidaria has permitted the participation Occupational Therapists in social programmes, who, for a period of a year, live with the community and working in multidisciplinary team, biopsychosocial and community service approach, with socially validated local organizations, contributing to the social development in zones with a poverty status, social exclusion and inequity of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aim: To describe the experience of community service in project of education and social inclusion of disabled people in Lamas, Perú (2008).

Description-Report: This strategy pretends to facilitate inclusive practices towards community development in different social actors and level of Lamas, working for and with the community, supporting the work of the Missionary Religious Congregation of Our Lady of Pilar, with the actions of diffusion, awareness-raising and training on disabilities, inclusion and acceptance of diversity multisector, generating work networks. Support is given to students and teachers on inclusive education, programmes of prevention and rehabilitation in disabilities, home medical care, health campaigns in country houses, social management of group of people with disabilities, training, teaching, creating a didactic playroom in kechua community, among others.

Results-Discussion: Community presents inclusive practices, generates spaces for discussion and social participation of people with disabilities, cross-sectoral work, mainly the education, health and social areas.

Conclusion: In the communitary service, respectful for the diversity and emphatic with the sociocultural characteristics, the community is the main member of the team, who share their life experiences, forming bonds, learning mutually, working together in search of significant changes for the community.

Contribution to the O.T. practicum: This experience shows how the O.T. withing the community service with biopsychosocial approach contributes to the development of people and quility of life, increasing chances for people to have occupation and participate in their sociocultural context, empowering the human development and contributing in processes of deep social change.

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