

INICIO DE UNA COOPERATIVA: EXPERIENCIA A PARTIR DE LA INTERVENCIÓN DE LA TERAPIA OCUPACIONAL.

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In Brazil, to form a cooperative it is necessary at least twenty people, according to Law 5764 of 16.12.1971. These people should be interested in economic and social policy, and they should be willing to run their own business. Each person has only one vote and the result is distributed according to the proportion of the share of each member. The cooperatives provide the collective work, in which there are the development of autonomy and the organization of varied work. To accomplish the successful of the cooperative it is necessary to respect the cultural and behavioral differences. Besides that, the training is important to get an efficient self-management. In this way, the occupational therapy (O.T.) assists in the identification and development of skills that are needed to organize the cooperative, through the analysis of the activity, encouraging an active and meaningful participation of the members. The objective is to report the collaboration of O.T. with artisans interested in organizing a cooperative, focusing the analysis of activity on the intervention executed. This analysis identifies the needed skills for the development of the cooperative, considering cognitive, sensory, social, cultural, psychological and symbolic aspects of the individual. Based on the principle of cooperativism, it was proposed a group activity with the artisans for the preparation of a future cooperative Internal Rules. It was developed two topics: the operation of the cooperative and the entry of new cooperates. The analysis of the activity made possible to verify the skills that are necessary to organize a cooperative, and when they are stimulated they propitiate the expression of ideas and opinions in an environment of mutual trust and effective participation for the organization of the Internal Rules of the cooperative. This study provides subsidies to O.T, because it explains issues to be developed, indicating skills and difficulties to be overcome, by those that intend to be organized in cooperative.