

Women and Collective Work: An approach of the Occupational Therapy in the Solidary Economics

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The present research talks about the Solidary Economics and the challenge in using a self-managed enterprise as a social inclusion alternative for housekeepers women who seek to join the world of the work. The aim of this study is to describe how the occupational therapy, with interdisciplinarity team, evaluates the situation of a group of women workers which aims to join a collective work organization as a way to generate incomes, considering that the women would maintain their household chores. Other objective is how the evaluation helps to identify the self-managed enterprise problems. The occupational therapy action occurred with the participation of undergraduate students of the Occupational Therapy course of, which belongs to São Paulo University - Ribeirão Preto. The intervention of these undergraduate students takes place through the Integrated Program of Enterprises Qualification (IPEQ). This program intend in qualifying the collective entrepreneurs through a interdisciplinarity team of undergraduate students. CARPE (Cooperação de Artesãs de Ribeirão Preto), a craftswomen's cooperation, is an association of 5 women which aims constitute a cooperation and which had a store to sell their own products of craftwork. IPEQ accompanied this association for 7 months, in which weekly services were carried out. The data were collected by reports of intervention that were written by the undergraduate student team in each service. It was found some important issues as a result: the craftswomen's did organize their work place and to labor in the store and at home with flexibility, however it was observed that the undertaking maintained financially counted with the constant help of liberal professionals volunteers who were interested in the autonomy of this future cooperative. These factors happened due to the difficulty and the lack of interest of the craftswomen in the administrative tasks. The evaluation of the Occupational Therapy allowed investigating the situation of the self-managed enterprise through the analysis of the context of the workers and of the dynamic of their work. It includes identifying the personal interests of the workers and the dynamic between the same essential factors for the autonomy of the undertaking.