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"Significados de la ocupación en jóvenes de sectores pobres que han infringido la ley en Chile: Aspectos relacionados a identidad social"

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"Meanings of the Occupation of poor youth who have broken the law in Chile: Issues related to social identity"

In the implementation of programs to poor youth who have broken the law, are correlated concepts and visions contained in the perspective of what is socially well established, rather than the meanings from the young people running through actions that do not include them, creating more exclusion.

The objective of this research is to understand the meanings of the occupation (work, Activities of Daily Living, leisure) and their impact on social identity in poor young people that at some point in their life have experienced problems with the justice.

The methodology used is qualitative, with descriptive design based on Grounded Theory. Young participants were from three communities in the metropolitan area (Renca, La Pintana, La Florida). The data were collected with eleven semi-structured interviews and three group discussions. The analysis is through open coding, axial and selective drawing a comparison between the meanings assigned by each age group and how affects the ways in which impact in them social identity.

Research results show that young people have different occupations, both in terms of the action of infringement of law and other interests associated with positive values and identity. The meaning assigned to occupations related to break the law is linked to the need of inclusion through consumer state, then defining its identity.

We conclude that understanding the meanings that youth give to the occupation, provide knowledge about them from a psychosocial perspective that could help define policies and programs of social intervention, especially in the aspects of participation, inclusion occupational (educational, employment, recreation) for youth that violate the law in poor urban areas.

For occupational therapists, to understand the meanings given by young people from urban places, in an unusual pairing that sets aside the stigma and dismisses the traditional young people myths, expressing their own meanings. Occupation and how impacts on the formation of their identity being defined in these subjects "offenders" or subject "young" with other possibilities.