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SOCIAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY: ADVANCING IN FIELDS OF PRACTICE

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In a globalized world, with persistent inequities and social injustices, occupational therapists have an ethical obligation to use our knowledge and to take action. Social Occupational Therapy developed in Brazil to deal with various inequities and social injustices. It emphasizes interdisciplinary and intersectorial practices, which link the micro and macro dimensions. It refers to politically and ethically framed practices that target individuals, groups and/or systems to enable rights for people experiencing disadvantageous social conditions. The METUIA Project illustrates Social Occupational Therapy. This is a Brazilian inter-institutional group, which develops teaching, research and community-university partnership. METUIA activities here reported have developed in public schools, communities, social services, and non-governmental and other organizations related to youth, mainly. Learning objectives: This workshop aims to promote the discussion about social issues and Social Occupational Therapy to: 1) Describe Social Occupational Therapy based on the METUIA cores Project, emphasizing practices outside of the health system; 2) Discuss the potential of Social Occupational Therapy; 3) Share different initiatives, illustrated with two cores of the METUIA Project with urban youth groups experiencing violence and poverty; 4) Identify opportunities and methods to expand policies and funding for Social Occupational Therapy within and outside health systems; 5) Develop contacts with practitioners, scholars and educators who are engaged in and interested in Social Occupational Therapy. Length of time required: 1.5 hours. Description of teaching methods: Presentation and discussion in small and big groups to engage the audience to share and to discuss the topic.

Maximum number of participants: 40 people.