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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Laboratory 6 - Famiglia e servizio sociale

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Learning objectives

The workshop originates from the consideration that within the Social Services the operators interface with different family typologies, which are directly or indirectly addressed by the professional interventions. In today's society, on the other hand, families have to face new and difficult difficulties: economic, employment, educational and welfare problems due to social changes (in the economic, technological, demographic field, etc.).

The theme of the family, however, constitutes not only a field of sociological investigation but also an area of values and experience, in which the professional must move, managing to recognize and distinguish knowledge, subjectivity and professional instrumentation.

The family thus becomes the background against which to project accumulated knowledge, both theoretical and theoretical-practical, and from which to start in order to open thematic in-depth study paths on the theme of the relationship between Social Services and families.

The workshop context will allow students to share their different training experiences in order to widen their view and develop their analytical skills, also through mutual comparison.

The aim, therefore, is to offer students both a moment of synthesis of the training pathway undertaken and a valuable opportunity to identify analytical methods of approach to the most recurrent professional issues related to the family.

Contents

During the workshop, students will be provided with the necessary tools to take a critical approach to the relationship between Social Services and family systems.

Through recourse to the most recent literature and in-depth study of the students' experiences, they will examine various paths of study on the theme of the relationship between the family and Social Services, thus becoming capable of tackling them according to the interpretations that will be identified each time.

Detailed program

Starting from a scenario that sees the continuous redefinition of the welfare system, we want to work on the exponential increase in the number and complexity of needs expressed by families and on the related impact on Social Services. The workshop intends to constitute a space in which to examine some of these needs, starting from the transformations that have gone through and are still going through family systems.

In particular, these fields of interest will be examined

Family or Families

The problem of definition and its effect on access to specific social policies

Changes in the shape of families and the consequences for care-giving systems

o Family and poverty support services

o Services for the elderly

"Liquid society and liquid love. Cultural and ethical issues

o The effects on couple conflict and parenting.

o The encounter with social services dealing with these new types of discomfort

Family fragility and educational systems

o School drop-outs and deviant behavior of minors. The relationship between the social services and the educational institution.

o The new addictions and the impact on the family-services encounter

Family fragility and social-health systems

o Physical and psychic disabilities from the point of view of family burdens. What is the contribution of the services?

o The hospital system and the role of the Social Service

Prerequisites

For the workshop the only prerequisite is to be willing to work on the acquired knowledge in view of an analytical process of personal understanding and re-elaboration.

Teaching methods

Lectures, exercises and discussions. Some multimedia content that is relevant to the reworking of the knowledge acquired will also be examined.

Assessment methods

There are no exams - and therefore no grades - at the end of the workshop, but at each meeting students will have the opportunity to check their learning.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Chiara Saraceno - L'equivoco della famiglia - Laterza 2017

Caterina Satta, Sveva Magaraggia, Illyna Camozzi - Sociologia della vita familiare. Soggetti, contesti e nuove prospettive - Carocci 2020

Zygmunt Bauman - Amore liquido - Laterza 2003

Paolo Ferrario - www.segnalo.it

An annotated bibliography, on the various themes encountered and examined, will be provided to the students during the workshop.

