



Model of Human Occupation

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Working with Refugees

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Hello

In the town I live, there is a transition centre where people that are waiting for asylum are placed. I think that might be between 50 to 70 people living there. They can be living here between 2 to 8 years. Families are generally split (fathers to one wing and mothers with children to another). Usually the mother can be sharing a 4x6m with 2 or 3 kids. The people managing the house are very sensible and understanding to the user's difficulties, but they cannot do much more. The physical conditions are relatively good, however, the social and emotional pressure has been causing some problems within its population. There are more and more cases referred to me (as a community Mental Health OT). I am thinking about structuring project to prevent these referrals by promoting meaningful occupations in which they can engage. I am searching for references and ideas to structure this project. Any ideas, please?

Thank you

Rodrigo Frade

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Hello, the following is a link to a website which relates to occupational therapy and the refugee population. It would be a good starting point.

<http://www.oofras.com/>

All the best

Alison Self

May 6, 2009

Rodrigo,

There are a few instances of MOHO being used with Refugees and immigrants. You will find some papers listed in our bibliography. Meanwhile, I will send you a forthcoming

chapter on your private e-mail, that discusses the use of MOHO with disenfranchised/oppresed populations. You should find it useful.
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