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PARTNER EQUALITY AS A PROCESS

CASE STUDY OF A PARTNERSHIP
FROM SLOVENIA

Achieving equality at home has been a relevant feminist issue for couple of decades and has become part of policy measures (family and employment policy, equality policy). Many studies and academic literature have been revealing still persisting inequality between men and women in the private sphere; this inequality is one of the main barriers for gender equality in broader society. The article, however, focuses on equality at home, which already exists and is already practised by some couples in Slovenia. The first part shows the characteristics of the social and political context relevant for family life, in particular for gender relationships in Slovenia. In the second, main part a case study of an equal sharing couple in Slovenia is presented with the analysis of main factors that lead towards equality. The main conclusion of the case study is that equality is a process, which is developing in the relationship and goes beyond gendered division of domestic and care work and beyond an agreement of sharing domestic chores on the basis 50/50. Equality at home is a process of everyday interactions and negotiations between partners which intersect with social, economic and political factors and circumstances.

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EXPERIENCES OF CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's disease, the most common type of dementia, is one of the biggest health and social problem of this century. As the world's population is getting older, escalation of that problem is inevitable. People in Croatia with Alzheimer's disease and their families are still an unrecognized issue in society. Focus of this work is on the caregivers and their experiences and problems that they run into. Lack of suitable facilities, high price of drugs, stress, lack of environment and professional support, are among the biggest problems. The most positive part for caregivers is their membership in Croatian Alzheimer's Disease Society where they get most valuable help. The work is trying to emphasize the importance of education and awareness of public about this issue, but also focuses on the wider acceptance and support of caregivers from professionals and the rest of society.

KEY WORDS: dementia, awareness, stress, social support, spouses of affected people.

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SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL MODEL OF PREVENTIVE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD OF EXPOSURE OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The article presents the social-ecological model of preventive activity as one of the possible models of preventive activity in the field of exposure of children and adolescents to domestic violence in Slovenia. The suggested model of the preventive activity has been founded on the basis of the research on exposure of Slovene adolescents to domestic violence, which was implemented on a representative sample of Slovene adolescents (secondary school students). The article also presents an overview of certain examples of good practice of preventive activity, found on a global scale, and the characteristics of existent preventive activity in Slovenia.

KEY WORDS: prevention, violence, young people, social-ecological theory, social ecology.

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QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is one of the worst forms of social poverty. At the moment Slovenia is in the first phase of solving the situation of homeless people. They can get their basic needs, such as shelter, food or clothes, met. The situation is worse in the case of preventing people from becoming homeless, and employing or educating the homeless people. Identification of reasons and consequences of homelessness can contribute to reducing the problem of homeless people, including their employment and education. The prospect of getting and implementing a strategy to prevent homelessness is not very encouraging. The economic and financial crisis, a lack of suitably trained and skilled staff to deal with the problems and low political interest in solving the problem are additional unfavourable factors regarding the reduction of the number of homeless people.

KEY WORDS: homeless people, employment, education, unemployment, social policy.

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