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PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK NEEDS OF FAMILIES HAVING CHILDREN WITH MENTAL DISEASES IN TURKEY

Abstract:

Generally mental health patients continue their lives with their families after they completed their treatments. Therefore it means that they are spending their mental care process with their families. That process psychosocially, economically and physically affects every member of the family, especially primary care taker. These families need services provided by psychiatric social work services.

Objectives. This study planned to determine psychosocial needs of the families and develop some solutions.

Method. This study is conducted with methods of qualitative research. One of the family members of six young adults with mental diseases have been interviewed face to face. Snow ball sampling method is used to reach participants. Qualitative methods is used in order to deeply analyse emotions and thoughts of family members while determining the needs of these families.

Conclusion. This study is conducted with parents of children who were treated at any inpatient treatment facilities and continue to live with their families after being released from these facilities. According to results psychiatric social work needs of these families are below. (1) These families and care takers suffer from problems resulting from lack of information on mental diseases and processes of these diseases. (2) Also these families suffer from problems of social environment and lack of sufficient social work services.

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