

Quality of Life of Brazilian Families with Disabled Children

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Abstract

The changed socio-economic conditions of societies the 90s of the last century demanded from family members for the sake of its survival the maximum strengthening of the household function, which occurred due to the restriction of most other functions - emotional communication, spiritual, educational, medical, social control. The growth of poverty, deterioration of living conditions and the destruction of moral values and the educational potential of families gave rise to a "family crisis" registered by sociologists, accompanied by the breakup of families, an increase in violence, child neglect and homelessness, and the deterioration of the health of both adults and children. The asocial behavior of children and adolescents remains an acute problem. The objectives of this study were to determine the quality of life of families with children, including those with disabilities (disabled children), which creates special difficulties for the functioning and survival of the family in the difficult time of social reforms in our country. Thus, a comparison of two groups of families with children (disabled and practically healthy) made it possible to identify the factors that are most important in the problem of the formation of disability in children and in terms of the impact of the characteristics of the qualitative composition of the family on the nature of the life of its members.

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