

Summary

Optimization of interaction between recently immigrant families and medical services: contribution to the wellbeing of the children

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Context : The contribution of the Liege team to the UNISOL project from Houtman Funds (Belgium) is based on three basic interrogations: 1. Which are the resources and difficulties of the recently-migrant families ? 2. Which are the needs and resources of the professionals who deal with them? 3. How universities and research structures can help to develop the competences of the health workers ?

Methods : Mobilization of networks of professionals and active observation near recently-migrant families.

Main outcomes : The local team works on the Ste-Marguerite district of Liege and with the refugees centre of Nonceveux. Collaboration is installed with the medical institutions of the district and with the refugees centre. The aim is the evaluation of difficulties and needs of professional actors who are responsible of the targeted populations. The team also meets families with children and describe the difficulties of them with social and health institutions. The information obtained allows a better comprehension of becoming families and brings explanations on their potentialities in terms of insertion. In the second time, meetings take place between social workers and researchers in order to define a useful action plan for all. An ad hoc programme of diffusion of the results to the decision makers is envisaged.

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