

Presentation

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The article entitled “Education in the Pediatrics Clinic”, written by Maria do Carmo Marcondes Machado, analyzes the difficulties that exist in relation to the care of children in Brazil - specifically in the State of San Paulo, and emphasizes the efforts of the nurses responsible for the Pediatric Clinic of the Hospital of the Clinics aimed at improving the health conditions for these children.

The author highlights the low socio-economic level in which the population lives, that is the result of poverty and of a low spiritual level - including aspects related to mental and moral education. And, in relation to the moral education, the author acknowledges a direct relation to the economic level due to the significance attributed to the poor level of education of the women caring for their children.

On the other hand, Maria do Carmo Marcondes Machado exemplifies the situations lived in the Pediatrics Clinic, extracts from the reality of the socio-economic conditions of the population. She emphasizes that despite the low social economic level, the commitment and dedication of the mothers towards their children is not developed, and the cases of poor attention to the children are mainly caused by poverty and poor levels of education.

In order to provide better care for the children, the nurses of the Pediatric Clinic created a group for mothers called the “Moms´ Club.” In this “group”, the nurses guide women using instructions, exercises and films with educational content. This is part of a strategy that aims to get more children vaccinated - with results never achieved before. However, a low level of adherence of parents or guardians is still evident.

Nevertheless, the author stressed that this activity has been taking place for several months now, and that she recommends that after the cases are treated at the clinic, they should be followed-up by home visits. Therefore, it is necessary to create a link with the School of Nursing of San Paulo, allowing the acute cases - and other cases – to be handled by the students in the form of a “home emergency service.”

The creation and implementation of strategies to improve the quality of life of the Brazilian children - as the author of the article tells us - are challenges still being faced by health institutions today. In the sense of the need to establish connections with the different Nursing schools / courses in nursing education, research and continuing education is required.