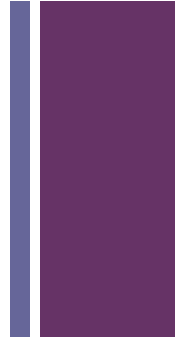


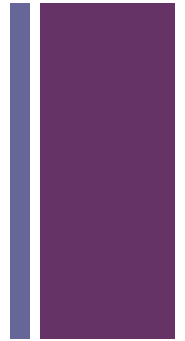
**Building Community Capacity: Strategies to
Community Ownership and Community
Development.**

+ Community Psychology



- Linking individuals and communities (Dalton et al. 2000)
- If you want to understand something try to change it. (Dearborn, cited in Brofenbrenner, 1979, p.37)
- *“Community Psychology concerns the relationships of individual to communities and society. Through collaborative research and action, community psychologists seek to understand and to enhance quality of life for individuals, communities and society.” (Dalton et al. 2000)*

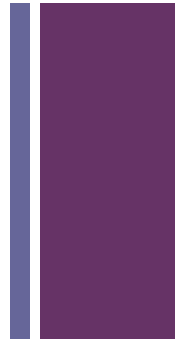
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Objective:

A prosperous and vibrant community has to function as a whole. The parts have to be interdependent from one another. Community empowerment is all about finding and promoting this strength.

- + AEIPS: Association of the study and psychosocial integration



Mission

Promote recovery and social integration of people with mental illness through empowerment processes and social participation.

+ Community Centre

- Promote empowerment and decision-making capacity, autonomy and individual responsibility;
- Contribute toward the personal growth, strengthening and self-rediscovery (recovery);
- Promote social participation;



+ Community Centre



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- Boost the access toward as well as a hands-on approach on community resources;
- Value and potentiate the individual capacities;
- Develop and upgrade contacts and social relationships.



+ Communityresidences



+ **Communityresidences**

- Promote individual autonomy;
- Promote the residents empowerment regarding decisions and individual and group goals through a continuous accountable process;
- Develop group conscience and build a stronghold cohesion and support among residents;



+ Community residences

- In order to prevent their isolation from the community and contribute toward their social integration, promote residents participation at the community level by facilitating the access to the community resources (retail, equipments, sport, cultural and recreational, City Council, social services) and by providing opportunities for a diverse and upgrade setting of social networks (e.g. neighbors, friends).

+ Housing First



A program for homelessness
people

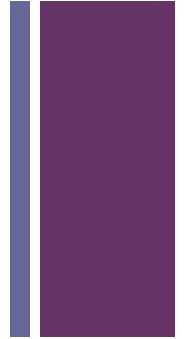
+ Mission

To support homelessness people with mental illness into the process of searching, choosing, acquiring and sustaining a standard community centered house.



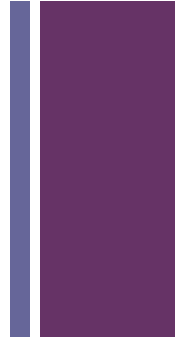


Housing First:



- Does not require treatment or sobriety as a precondition for housing
- Housing First provides immediate access to Permanent housing – ‘ a place of your own’
- Provides community based – off site – services to help consumers keep housing and facilitate treatment and recovery

+ Essential Elements of Housing First



Consumer Choice

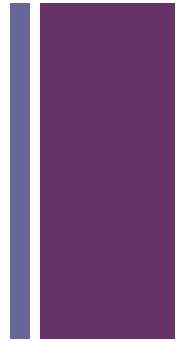
Separation of Housing and Services

Recovery Orientation

Community Integration

(Program Evaluation)

+ Building Community Capacity: Strategies to Community Ownership and Community Development.



- These programs are community-based alternatives to state centered practices, based on an assistance perspective and with little involvement from the communities.
- Both the programs regard people involved and other community residents and agents, as active community members that contribute to community capacity building in the community life strengthening community social and economic development.