

Introduction

Before we begin to introduce this edition, we would like to inform our readers and the social sciences academic and professional community, and particularly those in the Social Work field, that the *Perspectivas* journal has been included in the Latindex 2.0 catalogue, managed in Chile by the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT). As indicated on the Latindex website, “The purpose of this new list of characteristics is to reinforce the pedagogical and didactic role that Latindex has been developing with editors since the Catalogue’s appearance in 2002. It was necessary to update the methodology in order to adapt it to the new scientific communication processes being played out around the world through online journals.” This means that our journal meets the characteristics required today of knowledge sharing media such as ours. We reiterate our open invitation to collaborate with our Journal, which has been operating without interruption for over 20 years.

In the section **Research Outcomes**, we present three interesting collaborations. The first, entitled “Dona Gospel Choir: A Musical Journey Towards Their Best Version, A Participatory Diagnostic Study of a Group of Women in Prostitution,” by Constanza Espinoza Jiménez, looks to reveal the role of music as a social inclusion tool for a group of immigrant women working as prostitutes in the city of Barcelona. From a socio-critical perspective and applying a participatory diagnostic methodology with an ethnographic approach, the author participated actively in the Dona Gospel choir rehearsals and concerts to collect evidence on the individual and collective benefits offered by collective musical activity.

A second study, by Rodrigo Cortés Mancilla, is inserted within the intervention programs of the collaborative institution network of the National Service for Minors (SENAME), particularly in the Specialized Foster Families Program. The study focuses on the discourse used by the program’s workers in order to reveal the

mechanisms, relations and configurations established in the development of their intervention work which serves as a support for the protection of at-risk children.

The third research paper, by Carlos Pizarro Cabrera, analyzes the social intervention performed by the organization “La Otra Educación” (in English, “The Other Education” at the Escuela Libre de La Granja, in Santiago, Chile. The text reveals what a group of families think about non-formal education and, in particular, the participation of children and youth in this process. The analysis of this intervention experience also shows that there are groups and social organizations which look to generate a different dynamic so that education responds to people’s rights and not merely to their functional purpose in the market.

In the section **Analysis of Social Work, Transformations and Challenges**, we also present three important critical contributions to the profession, from different analytical perspectives. The first, by authors Víctor Orellana Bravo, Kátia Marro, Alexander Panes Pinto, Paula Vidal Molina, Maria Lúcia Duriguetto, Victor Neves, looks at Social Work in Chile during the period of Reconceptualization, exploring the changes experienced by the profession at that time of high social fervor. This article is the first to deliver results on a research project currently underway, which reviews the relationship between Social Work and social struggles based on the analysis of Undergraduate Theses and the discussions contained in the Social Work Journal produced by the Catholic University of Chile.

A second collaboration, by Elia Sepúlveda Hernández, represents an inquiry into Social Work in terms of the debate on the current socioenvironmental issues and emergencies faced by the contemporary world. Her work is based on the review and analysis of the theme “Environmental and Community Sustainability,” contained in the Abstract Book of the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2018 held in Dublin.

Finally, Patricia Castañeda Meneses, Ketty Cazorla Becerra and Katherine Cuevas Lang, in reference to the Declaration of the International Conference on Primary Health Care (Alma Ata-URSS in 1978), present a historical review aimed at revealing the key foundations for the Chilean primary healthcare system from the birth of the Republic to present day, and shedding light on the professional contributions made by Social Work within the framework of the country's healthcare system.

We invite you all to read and enjoy the edition we have put together for you.