
PROFESSIONAL INTERVENTION MEETING

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Substance dependence with its implications at personal and social levels is a common problem effecting families. It is quite clear that the social milieu and the family of the patient take an inevitable part in pretreatment, inpatient treatment, convalescence and maintenance treatment periods of Alcohol Related Disorders which have biopsychosocial properties. (Bulut, 1990).

Intervention in social work can be describe as organizing meetings for groups and family members, resolving conflicts and problems of organizations.

Thus it can be understood that intervention in social work resembles the term –treatment- in medicine (Barker, 1988).

Problems in patient's life are reviewed with a supportive approach in this process.

The preparation period of PIM (Professional Intervention Meeting) is shared with a group of family members, friends, and the others from patient's daily life.

THE AIM OF PIM

These are comon properties of dependent patients not to receive treatment or any help, to deny the problems, and to reject any retreatment period after he re-lapses. In this period the family and his friends feel themselves without means.

In those conditions; PIM is a group meeting with patient, family, friends, and the others whoever are effected by the problem and it aims to make patient to be convinced to receive help.

But the patient should not be aware of those pre-patation activities for the meeting until it begins.

WHO CONSTITUTE THE PIM

The professional is the leading member of the group. The other members of the group may be the patient's family, friends, and the others in their life. This group consists of at least three individuals who are able to keep themselves calm and can have a role of supporting. The number of individuals can be increased to nine.

WHEN THE PIM PROCESS MUST BE STARTED

The conditions that the dependent patient reject the treatment process and deny the problem indicates to apply this method. If it is possible to find another way to persuade the patient, the professionals have to try it first.

WHICH CONDITIONS ARE ACCEPTED AS ACHEIVEMENT

The patient leaves to deny the problem at the end of %90 of Professional Intervention Meetings. A succesfull meeting helps to the people in connection with the patient too. The meeting lets them bring out how they are effected by that problem in a group with suppotive properties.

HOW DOES THE PIM PROCEEDS

1-It must be decided if PIM is necessary first and the professional determines who shall participate into the group.

2-Group members are informed about the problem.

3-An interview is considered for every member of the group. The professional wants them to write the experiences with the patient's problem.

4-The meeting must get the supportive properties. The patient should not feel himself to be judged in the intervention meeting.

5-A place for the meeting should be easily arrived.

6-Any time should be chosen that the patient could stay sober while meeting.

7-The meeting is started after the professional arrives to the meeting place. Group members tell the patient that they are informed about the problem before and it is planned that participating of him into any meeting like that may be necessary. Each member of the group talks about the problem and how that problem effected his own life.

If PIM is planned and realized perfectly the patient generally receives the treatment. On the other hand the patient do not even receive any help PIM should not be seen as unsuccessful.

---The first step is realized, the patient can be persuaded in feature more easily.

---The patient's family and his friends try to prevent his selfdestructive behaviours and they feel themselves at ease.

---The group has more knowledge about that disorder.

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