The existence of the child in the rehabilitation process of the drugfamily

In my research I look into the rehabilitation process of the drugfamily and the possibility and the importance of the child’s existence in the process. Attention is focused to the child’s experiences and the needs of the child. What kind of position do they get in the activity which takes place with the whole family? Is the child visible or can the child become visible in the rehabilitation of the family? In the research I look into the child’s need of the own rehabilitation and the child as a client in the process.

This research is a qualitative case research, which has also aspects of the activity research. It has carried out by data-based analysis. Drugresearch, childhood research and social work research theories were used in solving the questions emerged from the data. This research increases the understanding of the practices of the social work. Especially it shows the importance of the good relationship between the client and the worker in the process of helping. The rehabilitation process in the research was taken place in the community of the families in the institution for alcohol and drug abusers. The research data comprises different situations of interaction: familymeetings, communitymeetings and groupmeetings of the parents. It also includes the documents of the family, two discussions in the group of the workers and my diary.

The everyday life of the drugfamily becomes alive in the research. It also shows the influence of parent’s drugabuse in the child’s life. The life in the drugworld is damaging the child in many ways. In the rehabilitation the experiences of the child is rased in to the centre of the work. The child is given help to treat and understand her or his experiences. Emotional, kognitiv and moral repairing experiences are offered to the child during the rehabilitation. The existence of the child demands that the child’s perspective is in focus with the whole family and also when the child is not present. A good relationship must be created with the child and the parent. To create a good relationship must the social worker have a deep trust and respect of the client and the worker must really care for the client. Good relationship is a holding environment for the child and the parent. The existence of the child and treating the experiences of the child is helping the parent to recover. The parenthood is a meaningful arena of activity and getting stronger as a parent helps also in giving up the drugs. The most important goal of the familyrehabilitation is that the child develops in her or his subjectivity and gets treatment. During the rehabilitation process the child becomes more autonom individual who is less dependent on the recovering or the sobernity of the parent.

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