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Supervision of a probation officer over a client using addictive substances

Abstract

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ABSTRACT

Background: This diploma thesis deals with the supervision of a probation officer at the Probation and Mediation Service clients who are also users of addictive substances and committed crime under the influence of these substances. It is not obligatory for a probation officers to have an addictological education, but due to the increasing number of drug-related crime, supplementing knowledge in this area is desirable. The focus of the work is qualitative research, which consists of analyzing documents and describing casework with my clients using addictive substances.

Objectives: The aim of this work is to show, based on independent case reports of my selected clients of the Probation and Mediation Service, who are substance abuse users, that addictological knowledge of probation workers, namely work with motivation and realistic matching, can be a protective factor at work with this type of clients.

Sample: The issue will be demonstrated on working with my three PMS clients who have been conditionally condemned under the supervision of a probation officer for the crime they committed under the influence of addictive substances, in the form of three independent case reports.

Methods: The research was used to analyze the documents that accompany each client to the Probation and Mediation Service and three case studies.

Results: The results showed that although the PMS clients take the sentence as a restriction and the probation officer has a controlling role, the probation officer with knowledge of addictology can be crucial for their motivation and self-confidence and is an important link in making a change in their addictive behavior.

Key words: Alternative punishment, supervision by a probation officer, re-offending, resocialisation, social work, addictive substances user, dependency