

METZINERES. ENVIRONMENTS OF SHELTER FOR WOMXN WHO USE DRUGS SURVIVING VIOLENCE

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Background:

Women and non-binary gender people who use drugs and survive multiple situations of violence and vulnerability find it difficult to enter or adhere to social healthcare networks. They are often excluded from specialized services, including the ones focused either on drugs or in gender-based violence.

Methods:

Metzineres is the first non-profit cooperative aimed at deploying Environments of Shelter that are exclusive to womxn and which cover the full spectrum of harm reduction. With a holistic and individualized approach connected to the particularities of each womxn. An innovative and daring model of intervention based on human rights and gender mainstreaming.

Emphasis is placed on reaching those who experience multiple, simultaneous, and interconnected social variables: drug-related problems (72%), homelessness (69%), migratory experiences (37%), LGBTBIQ+ (20%), sex work (16%) and/or sex for survival (20%), imprisonment (29%), mental health disorders (46%), and functional diversity (6%).

Results:

The importance of the almost 40 daily supports met by Metzineres has shown extraordinary results after just over four years of implementation, exceeding their highest expectations. We managed to carry out accompaniments, tests and follow-ups taking care of the health of the participating womxn to improve their quality of life.

Conclusion:

The responsibility to generate genuine and up-to-date information drives the team at Metzineres to equip themselves with non-intrusive research tools that respect privacy, confidentiality, and anonymity.

These data are standardized through an own database with indicators that have been generated based on significant elements for womxn. This method of monitoring and evaluation is applied as a routine process allowing us to assess the availability, coverage, quality, and relevance of the interventions. By applying rigorous reviews and pragmatic decision-making, they are able to constantly reconfigure their actions to the places and populations where they are intended to have an impact.

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Nothing to disclose.