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No One Left Behind, Building Community Capacity.

Older people in conflict with the law
(OPCL): the challenges upon
returning to the community.

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Introduction

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Where does our concern for OPCL* come from?

- ▶ 1996 - Lifeline/Option Vie
- ▶ 2003 - Service Oxygène*
- ▶ 2004-2014 Satellite appartements
- ▶ Passeport Intervention Model 2018
- ▶ Specialised CRF 2019
- ▶ Independant housing facility 2023

* All these services for Older People in Conflict with the Law

Section 1

Guiding principles

- ▶ Who are we talking about?
- ▶ Why gerontological? Why criminological?
- ▶ Intervention model: a strategy or a program?
- ▶ What is ageism?
- ▶ Why a geronto-criminological approach?
- ▶ Certain beliefs and the impact they may have on the lives of OPCL

Section 2

Social exclusions and the impact they may have on OPCL

- ▶ Symbolic exclusion
- ▶ Identity exclusion
- ▶ Sociopolitical exclusion
- ▶ Institutional exclusion (and health care)
- ▶ Economic exclusion
- ▶ Social ties exclusion
- ▶ Territorial exclusion
- ▶ Psychological exclusion

Section 3

Theories on ageing

- ▶ Aging in its physical and psychological aspects
- ▶ Many theories
 - ▶ Theories from the functionalist perspective that emphasize the place and role of older persons in terms of their functioning in society as a whole.
 - ▶ Theories from the conflict perspective that emphasize how older people, as a group, are pitted against other groups in society.
 - ▶ Theories from the perspective of symbolic interaction that emphasize how the identities of older people are created through their interactions with the rest of society.

Section 4

Intervention principles and values

The intervention principles

- ▶ Acceptation
- ▶ Selection
- ▶ Optimization
- ▶ Compensation

The values

- ▶ Autonomy
- ▶ Non-maleficence
- ▶ Benevolence
- ▶ Justice

Acceptation

- ▶ Acceptance of new challenges (losses).
- ▶ The end of full support by the Correctional Service (food, accommodation, clothing, schedule, regulations, etc.).
- ▶ The end of the barbed and shrunken territory.
- ▶ The mourning of the imprisoned friends and of certain officials who were present in our lives.
- ▶ The end of the “better times” experienced in prison.
- ▶ The return to a freer life - vertigo.
- ▶ The greater or lesser concerns of this new freedom

Selection



- ▶ Selection of the best available options.
- ▶ Advancing age brings increasing restrictions and narrows the range of possibilities.
- ▶ Selection therefore consists in choosing the most important areas of action, taking into account the contingencies of the environment, motivations, aptitudes and biological capacities of the individual..



Optimisation

- ▶ **Optimal updating of physical, psychological, social and spiritual (transcendent) capacities.**
- ▶ **Taking the means to enrich and increase one's capacities in order to maximize qualitatively and quantitatively the chosen areas.**
- ▶ **Studies have shown that older people continue to be able to successfully perform this optimization process.**

Compensation



- ▶ **The Compensation Process**
- ▶ **Compensation for loss of physical capacities**
- ▶ **Compensation for loss of mental capacities**
- ▶ **Compensation for loss of personal /social capacities**
- ▶ **Compensation for loss of certain social skills**



**Questions and
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