

The "Confrontation" with Experiential Knowledge of Users and Carers: the Student's Vision Concerning the Advantages and Challenges of the Social Work Program

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Presentation outline

- A few observations
- Added value and challenges

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Context: educational activities (intervention workshops, learn to deal with simulated practice-oriented activities, testimonials, internships) that enable us to get in touch with persons being accompanied in the first year.

- The involvement of accompanied persons allows for more concrete and realistic intervention
- Learning process regarding professional status
- Learning context that leads to focusing on oneself



○ **Pitfall to avoid: forget about the person and her/his place in the relationship**

- Persons involved in the social work program underlines the value of experiential knowledge

Added-value and challenges from the students' perspective

- Feedbacks close to the reality experienced by the person involved
Challenge: credibility in relation to experiential knowledge makes constructive feedback more confronting

- Allows to be authentic and so to better assume our professional identity
Challenge: In order to embody our professional identity, we must ensure that we clearly understand their professional role, so we can develop a strong knowledge sharing

Added-value and challenges from the students' perspective

- Privileged access to their emotional experience
Challenge: need to be accompanied

- Being exposed to realities involves openness and empathy
Challenge: For students with similar past experiences



Resonance and introspection



Added-value and challenges from the students' perspective

- Building the ability to maintain a humane and egalitarian relationship that encourages the person's participation
- Positive confrontation allowing to step back in the wake of difficulties encountered
 - Challenge: Career path calls into question
- Mutual dissemination of knowledge

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social work ?

Added-value and challenges from the students' perspective

- For the person involved: possibility of changing her/his perception of social workers
- Connection between the theoretical discourse and experiential knowledge



Thanks for your attention!

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