

The Double Value of a Knowledge Community: Promoting Service Users' and Carers' Empowerment While Improving the Social Work Program

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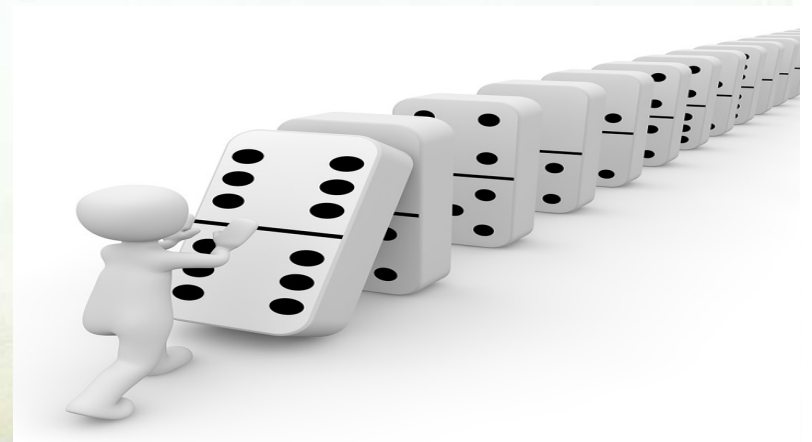


Presentation outline

- Positive effects of the users' and carers' involvement in the social work program
- Challenges encountered by users and carers in their involvement in the social work program
- Enhancing the social work program
- Time for reflection

Positive effects of the users' and carers' involvement in the social work program

- Search for meaning related to difficulties encountered
- Recognition of our personal history
- Sense of competence, pride and usefulness
- More power on our lives
- The domino effect



Challenges encountered by users and carers in their involvement in the social work program

- Facing resistance
- Confidentiality
- Accompaniment
- Earnings and employment status
- Personal development (prerequisite)

Enhancing the social work program

- Developing awareness more quickly
- Developing more confidence in their professional competencies
- Some students change program (changing field of study)
- Testing and fostering soft skills
- Reducing the gap between students and users/carers
- Working collaboratively

Innovative practice

New way of assisting others
with greater transparency, feedback and a more egalitarian
relationship of trust



Time for reflexion

Does the involvement of users and carers regarding the training of future social workers mean that the relationship of trust with people would become easier?



Thanks for your attention!

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Time for discussion!

