

## **SOCIAL WORK AND EVICTED PEOPLE**

Spain has been suffering a major economic crisis for the last 8 years. The economic crisis caused several problems in Spanish society, such as job loss, high levels of unemployment, indebtedness and inability to pay the mortgage loans. Therefore, we propose a new form of intervention for social workers, precisely in the foreclosure.

The importance of the presence of a social worker within this type of problem can act as a clear scope of intervention of social work curriculum because when a family loses their home it is considered at risk of social exclusion, which is a field of social work intervention.

Current Spanish laws and decrees that regulate this situation are Law 22/2003 of July 9, on Insolvency Law, Mortgage Law Decree February 8, 1946 and Law 1/2012 of 7 January on Civil Procedure. These laws do not favor debtors at all but quite the contrary, they favor the creditor, leaving people totally helpless, since they lose their homes, which should be considered a fundamental right according to Article 47 of the Spanish Constitution of 1978. In addition, important social movements, or platforms, have appeared to mediate between the eviction executor and the evicted people, and try to alleviate the effects caused by non-payment of the mortgage loan (social exclusion, unfairness, homelessness, lack of opportunity, a second chance for the debtor ...).

In this sense, we can relate mediation with social work with communities, as stated in the resolution unanimously adopted at the extraordinary meeting of September 29, 2001, which includes the code of ethics, social workers should have mediation within their functions. According to the author Twelvestress, A., 1988: 13-12) who defines a specific type of community social work as work being done by a professional for the use of specific tasks in the field of community well integrated or globally in the fields welfare or in specific areas: housing, education ... the social worker in foreclosures can pose their work from prevention (promoting citizen participation) and strengthening of the fresh start or a second chance, with an intervention or mediation helps mediation in foreclosures.