

## A NATIONAL STUDY IN THE CRANIOFACIAL AREA: THE FAMILY'S PATTERNS AND ARRANGEMENTS NOWADAYS

GRACIANO MIG\*\*\*, Galvão KA\*\*, Blattner SHB\*\*\*

Serviço Social, Hospital de Reabilitação de Anomalias Craniofaciais - HRAC-USP,  
Bauru/SP

**OBJECTIVE:** to identify and characterize the family's patterns and arrangements of patients assisted by a Hospital specializing in craniofacial anomalies in Brazil, before and after the birth and currently, as well as to verify the support and intervention by Social Work during the rehabilitation process. **METHODS:** Quanti-qualitative study whose instrument was the interview. The sample had 149 subjects with cleft lip and palate, from 3 to 11 years old. **RESULTS:** The data showed that the nuclear family is the predominant model among the subjects of the research, on three stages: 67.1% before the birth, 67.8% after the birth and 63.8% on the current stage. Other family models identified were: extended (9.4%, 8.7%, 10%), reconstituted (15.4%, 14.8%, 16.2%); monoparental (8.1%, 8.7%, 10%). The alteration on the models occurred in 29.5% of the families and the reasons were: changing of marital status, death or sickness of one of the parents, second marriage, increase of family members. Relationship problems occurred in 15.4% of the families due to: disagreement, prejudice/rejection, difficulty on the child care, financial difficulties. On the current stage, it was reported ways of facing the troubles through internal and external resources. Internal: capacity to deal the problems, and religiosity; external: family support, social support, professional support. The contribution of the Social Work for the family dynamics, specifically, was recognized by 39.1%; related to the treatment, the support of Social Work was 100%, including psycho-social support, orientations, mobilization of resources, benefits and others. **CONCLUSIONS:** the practice of Social Work is recognized as essential in the craniofacial team, aiming the defense of the rights as patients and citizens.

Support: FAPESP