

Co-creation alliance for supporting refugee families

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INTRODUCTION

Nowadays we are facing the greatest refugee crisis since World War II. The profile of people that is forced to abandon their country includes a high percentage of children and families. As migrants, refugee families face specific challenges as material and personal losses, traumatic experiences and health issues (Levi, 2014; McCarthy & Marks, 2010; McLellan, 2015). Moreover, refugee families are involved in a complex ecology of pre-settle, settle and refuge (Williams, 2010). This situation can extend per years, impacting family functioning as well as the parental role and identity. Despite the special needs that refugee families face, there are not evidence-based and right-based initiatives with probed cultural validity to support positive parenting, except for a few adaptations from general positive parenting programmes only available for English speakers (Jiménez, Hidalgo, Nogales, Baena & Maya, 2019).



From a co-creation framework among professors, master students, PhD students, practitioners and policy makers



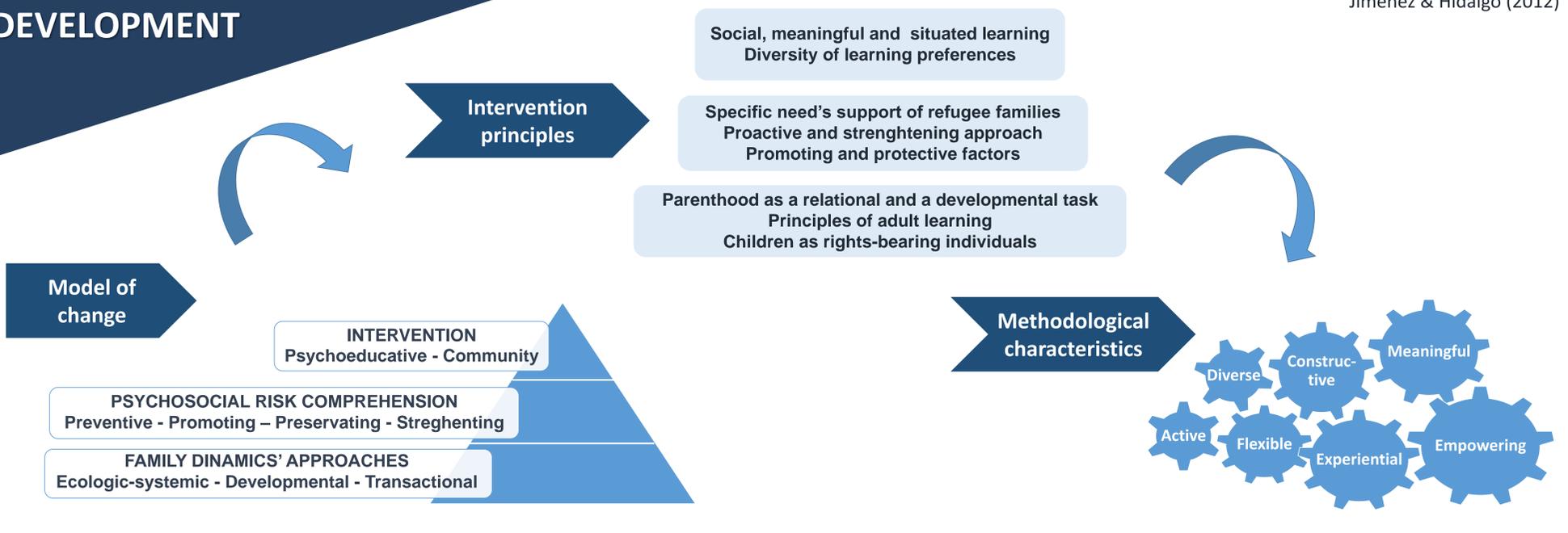
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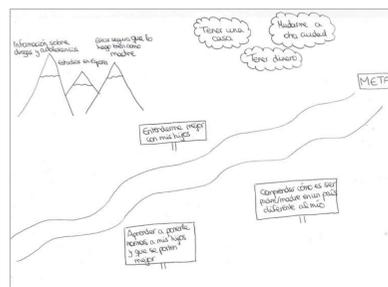
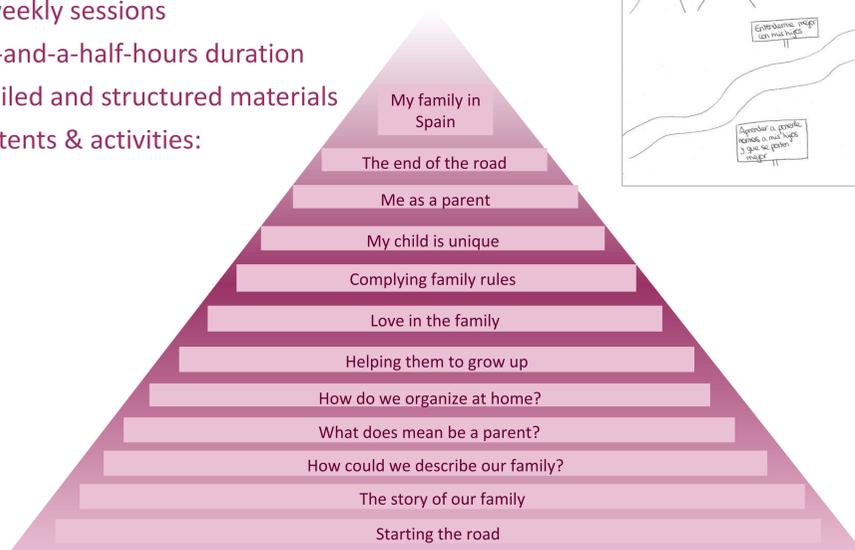
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DEVELOPMENT

Jiménez & Hidalgo (2012)



- Parent-focused intervention
- Each family unit separately
- 12 weekly sessions
- Two-and-a-half-hours duration
- Detailed and structured materials
- Contents & activities:



KEY FACTS

Perceived impact from families' perspective on:



Jiménez, Hidalgo, Nogales, Baena, & Maya (2019)

CONCLUSIONS

The development of the described Positive Parenting Programme constitutes as ongoing process, due the complexity and specificity of refugee's families support needs, the cultural skills needed by the practitioners to implement the intervention, as well as the scarce scientific evidence on effective strategies with this population (Fisher et al., 2002; Kirkhart, 2010; Lewig, Arney, Salveron, & Barredo, 2013). Despite the perceived impact of the intervention, there is need for further refinement of the programme in terms of quality standards for effectiveness in order to guarantee its sustainability at mid- and long-term.