



SOCIAL WORK IN PORTUGAL

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WHAT WE DO?
WHAT WE SHOULD DO?
WHAT CAN WE DO?



WHAT WE DO?

1935 – 1st university course in social work => “Estado Novo”
(system of corporatist and authoritarian nature, averse public interventionism in the social sphere)

Social Work:

- **Paternalistic practices of the proletariat;**
- **Social inequalities;**
- **Poor living conditions and accommodation;**
- **Inexistent health care system;**
- **Large families;**
- **Experience of many social problems.**

WHAT WE DO?

■ Social Service was:

- ✓ Task woman
- ✓ Objective: maintaining social peace;
- ✓ Anchored in educational activities and uplifting the underprivileged classes
- ✓ Linked to the business world

■ Main research interests:

- Effects of social problems on people's lives;
- Knowledge of causal factors that originate problematic situations and deficiencies.

WHAT WE DO?

- **Today we work in:**
 - Health;
 - Justice and social reintegration;
 - Education;
 - Welfare System;
 - Social work in firms;
 - Local power and territory.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO?

- Create intervention protocols;
- Disseminate and discuss the operationalization of the legislation on the ground and with different professional areas;
- Improve collaboration and communication between coaches and different levels of the structure;
- Create a social platform for sharing information and knowledge between users of different technical services;
- Groups between technical supervision of the same area;
- Mediation couples to prevent worsening of the problem
- multidisciplinary groups.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Territorialize interventions according to the problematic;
- Leveraging the capabilities of the individual and the community;
- The parish councils should take a more active role in the population;
- Having policies proximity;

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Good practices:

- Reference person - family support networks;
 - Informal networks (friends and neighbors)
- Ex.: Good neighborhood, Implemented in Guimarães by CASFIG, with the main objective to promote the sharing, togetherness and interaction between different Households.



Questions?

