

THE VULNERABILITY OF THE MAFIA FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY PROGRAM OF INTERVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION (P.I.P.P.I.).

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Background/ introduction

The mafia phenomenon has a significant impact on family life and can result in specific vulnerable situations for children and families. Children born into mafia families are particularly at risk, as the culture of violence and criminal activity can undermine their psycho-physical development and compromise their fundamental rights (Schermi, 2010). Social intervention with a view to prevention is necessary in these contexts, and the P.I.P.P.I. program's innovative intervention practices can play a crucial role in addressing the needs of these children and families.

The P.I.P.P.I. program's focus on promoting personal and family resilience and community capacity is crucial in reducing educational poverty and family neglect. It is essential to involve all stakeholders, including parents and children, in constructing the analysis and response to their needs. The program's recognition as an Essential Level of Social Performance (LEPS) indicates its success in achieving the primary goal of increasing children's safety and improving the quality of their development.

Doctoral research on measures to protect the rights of children born into mafia families highlights the need for social interventions aimed at prevention ((Rizzo, Milani, 2022). These measures must be implemented with sensitivity and understanding of the specific cultural and social context of the families involved in the criminal organisation. The multi-professional and holistic approach of the P.I.P.P.I. programme can serve as a model for intervention practices in these contexts. Adopting an approach based on the affirmation of the intrinsic educability of the human person, the intervention is aimed at accompanying the family to the discovery of a different feeling from that of the mafia.

Objectives

The aim of the research is to understand: "How P.I.P.P.I. supports families living in vulnerable situations due to the influence of the mafia phenomenon on the territory and on family life?" The research aims to investigate how P.I.P.P.I. can be adapted to these specific situations and how practitioners work with these families.

Method

The research started by testing the hypothesis that some families supported by P.I.P.P.I. were involved with the mafia. The data for this research was collected through a review of the RPMonline database, which monitors the implementation of P.I.P.P.I., using keywords related to the mafia. Four families were identified through this process. The research also included a review of support actions for families living in vulnerable situations due to mafias. The results were analyzed to identify new intervention targets and to develop a framework of support for families affected by the mafia within P.I.P.P.I.

(Expected) Results

The research findings provide important insights into the challenges faced by families involved in mafia criminal organizations and the potential effectiveness of targeted interventions. The fact sheet developed based on these findings can support practitioners in providing appropriate support and guidance to these families.

However, it is essential to recognize that addressing the root causes of the mafia phenomenon and its impact on families is a complex and ongoing process that requires multidisciplinary efforts. Prevention and intervention strategies should focus not only on supporting families but also on addressing the structural and cultural factors that contribute to the existence and persistence of organized crime.

Furthermore, the study emphasizes the need for continued efforts to prevent and combat the mafia phenomenon, in order to promote the safety and well-being of children and families living in these contexts.

Conclusions / Implications

The P.I.P.P.I. program provides a promising approach to supporting families affected by the mafia phenomenon. The program's focus on promotion, prevention and protection of children rights can help families overcome the challenges they face and promote positive parenting practices. The findings suggest that more efforts are needed to address the root causes of the mafia phenomenon and its impact on families, but the P.I.P.P.I. program could be a positive step in the right direction.

Key words

Vulnerability; Mafia; Family education; Children rights; Parenting support.

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Background

The mafia phenomenon has a significant impact on family life, often resulting in vulnerable situations for children and families. The Programme of Intervention for the Prevention of Institutionalisation (P.I.P.P.I.) aims to pursue the goal of innovating intervention practices towards negligent families, to reduce the risk of ill-treatment and the consequent removal of children from the family unit, may also include those affected by the mafia.

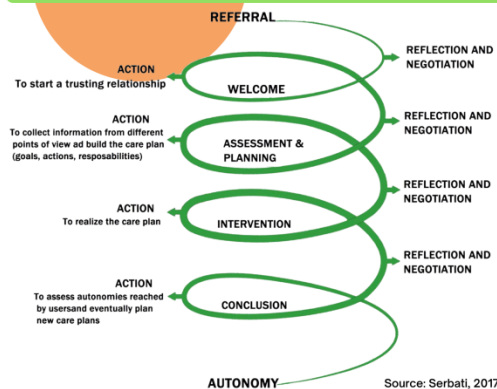
Furthermore, doctoral research on measures to protect the rights of children born into mafia families (Rizzo, Milani, 2022) has shown the need for social intervention with a view to prevention in those contexts where mafia culture and violence undermine the child's psycho-physical development.

How P.I.P.P.I. supports families living in vulnerable situations due to the influence of the mafia phenomenon on the territory and on family life?

Results

Research results show that families involved in the mafia criminal organization face specific challenges that require targeted interventions. The research enabled the development of a fact sheet, already distributed to practitioners, to support this specific vulnerability by adapting the P.I.P.P.I. activities and the steps of the participatory and transformative evaluation (VPT, Serbati, Milani, 2013; Serbati, 2020) on which the accompaniment of individuals, families, children in P.I.P.P.I. is based.

Participatory and transformative evaluation



Conclusion

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Methodology

The research started by testing the hypothesis that some P.I.P.P.I. families are involved with the mafia. Through data collected from the RPFonline database, used to monitor the implementation of P.I.P.P.I., five families were identified with keywords related to the mafia. The research also included a review of support actions for families living in vulnerable situations due to mafias. The results were analyzed to identify new intervention targets and to develop a framework of support for families affected by the mafia within P.I.P.P.I.

Discussion

The study highlights the importance of addressing the unique challenges faced by families affected by the mafia phenomenon. The findings suggest that the P.I.P.P.I. program can be an effective approach to supporting families and promoting positive parenting practices. However, the research also highlights the need for continued efforts to address the root causes of the mafia phenomenon and its impact on families.

P.I.P.P.I. activities

-  Home and community-based education.
-  Parents' and children's groups.
-  Solidarity proximity.
-  School/nursery-family-services partnership.

Source: Milani, 2022

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