Introduction

Analysis of the characteristics of the intervention which is carried out in a reception center with unaccompanied refugee children (MERNAs).

Method

Descriptive research of a mixed nature:

- Interviews with the SAMU Foundation managers
- Questionnaires administered to the professionals who conduct the actions in the reception center
- Interviews with the assisted minors
- Questionnaires administered to professionals

Participants:

- 3 members of the SAMU Foundation in Motril
- 5 professionals of the Reception Center and Social Work Insertion Center
- 7 MERNAs

According to the Children’s Rights and Welfare Act, it is necessary to obtain consent from parents or legal guardians, as well as MERNAs themselves. According to Save the Children, these data were obtained by contacting the SAMU Foundation.

Procedure:

- All data collection instruments were distributed between January and March 2017 after the children had been in the reception center for 3-6 months.
- The interview with Foundation Managers was a modified version of the one conducted with MERNAs in other countries.
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- Questionnaire for MERNAs – the adaptation of a previous one, applied to the MERNAs (Angelidou & Aguaded, 2016), which was validated and implemented.

Results

Results linked to the interviews carried out with the Foundation Managers

- The foundation managers were mainly interested only about the characteristics of the MERNAs, but also about the fact that all of them participated in the sampling process, neither for the Foundation managers nor for the MERNAs, since all of them participated, and in the case of the professionals, that they are the most experienced.

Results linked to the questionnaires applied to reception center professionals

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Results linked to the questionnaires administered to MERNAs

- Children considered...
- that they have been treated well in the reception center (7 yes, 100%)
- that they have difficulties to mix with the other partners who live in the reception center (6 yes, 85.7%)
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- that they have difficulties to mix with the other partners who live in the reception center (6 yes, 85.7%)
- that they find it difficult to socialize with the local population (4 yes, 57.1%)
- that they have difficulties to mix with the other partners who live in the reception center (6 yes, 85.7%)
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Discussion

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Conclusions

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