

Although we are approaching “full age” – we will soon be launching volume 18, issue 1 of RBCDH – and despite the fact that we are now recognized in several areas of knowledge, such as Psychology, Physiotherapy, Education, Physical Education, Medicine, Collective Health, Nursing and the Multidisciplinary Area, we have been facing serious funding difficulties to print and post the Journal, which has delayed the launch of the present issue and made us postpone our intention to publish 4 annual issues.

As we will see below, we continue receiving extremely interesting contributions from many Brazilian states (one paper came from France), with the diversity of themes and approaches that characterizes the *Revista Brasileira de Crescimento e Desenvolvimento Humano*.

Beside the “French” paper, about family and health in France from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, we have many papers on adolescence: a bibliographic review about adolescence in the Brazilian Public Health System, a case study on the reunification process of the family of an institutionalized adolescent, an experience report on the technique of single session work in families of adolescents in conflict with the law, and two studies about reproduction aspects of adolescent mothers. Finally, there is an interesting study about homicide among youngsters from the periphery of Salvador, Bahia.

The medical visit in the Family Health Program was investigated in light of children’s rights and the authors showed there is still much to do to ensure that these rights are guaranteed.

In the area of Education, Marques and collaborators studied the question of priority and/or lack of interest of the public power and of society regarding public education; another paper

evaluated the teacher-baby responsiveness in a nursery school.

Ferreira da Silva and Guzzo studied the perceptions and feelings of convicted fathers regarding their paternal condition. Grejanin and collaborators studied perceptions about “being obese” according to the point of view of patients and health professionals. A fascinating study approaches a subject that has not received much attention: the activity of a famous healer in Gama, a city in the periphery of Brasília.

Finally, a review article analyzes changes in the parental role, and another one deals with parental expectations about boarding school as a developmental context. Besides many papers from students and professors of the University of São Paulo (School of Medicine, School of Nursing and School of Public Health), the contributions came from the Catholic University of Campinas, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, University of Brasília, the Collective Health Institute of the Federal University of Bahia, Catholic University of Salvador, State University of Santa Cruz, Bahia, Catholic University of Brasília, Université de Paris VI and the Family Health Multi-professional Internship Program of Faculdade Santa Marcelina (SP).

As we have seen, a variety of subjects, excellent reviews and current themes, case studies and original research dealing with pregnant women, premature babies, children, adolescents, adults, youngsters, parents, obese adults, confirming the idea that development is inherent in the human being in all stages of his existence. This thematic variety that is so important to us continues to be, in spite of our momentary difficulties, respected and maintained in *Revista Brasileira de Crescimento e Desenvolvimento Humano*.

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