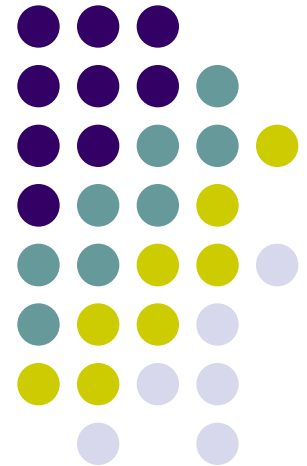
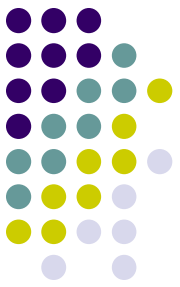


Meaning of Volunteer Activity Providing Help for Elderly People

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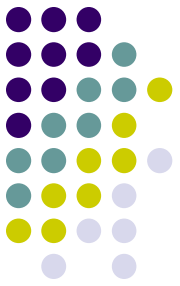




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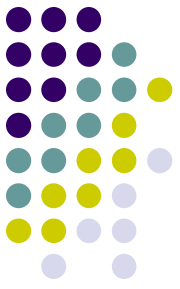
- Lack and needs
- Volunteer Activity as a Meaning Vulnerable Activity
- Definition (*Meaning characterizes the place and the role of something in the Lifeworld context of a person, Leontiev D., 2005*)
- Theory Frankl V., Leontiev D.

Volunteer Activity Providing Help for Elderly People



1. extra-free choice
2. frame
3. no rigid structure
4. dialog
5. the closeness to main existentials (the death, blame, suffer, Frankl, 1999)

Setting



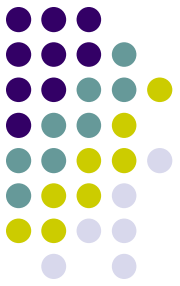
Sample

- 11 volunteers from 3 volunteer groups (Christian Community, Volunteer Group and Non-structured Volunteers Group)
- 3 ex-volunteers from the 3 groups

Instruments

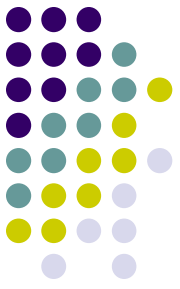
- Composition (*What has been changing inside of me during the process of volunteer help to elderly people?*)
- Life Meaning Orientation Test (Leontiev D. 2006)
- The Method of the Final Meanings (Leontiev D. 1999 “*What for does someone help elderly people?*”)
- Questionnaire for ex-volunteers
- Semi-structured meaning-oriented interview

Approaches to meaning research



1. Meaningful Themes
2. Ways of dealing with the meaning
3. Level of Meaningfulness of life
4. Volunteer`s LifeWorld
5. Phenomena
6. Crucial areas

Exploring Meaning through Meaningful Themes



Composition (*What has been changing inside of me during the process of volunteer help to elderly people?*)

- Changes
- Changes Agents
- Attitude towards aging and elderly people
- Characteristics of Activity
- Volunteer position

“What for does someone help elderly people? (The Method of the Final Meanings (Leontiev D. 1999))

- Self-perfection
- Living
- World
- Spiritual Category

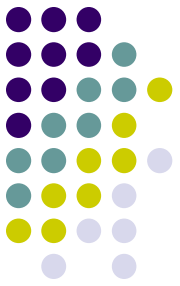
Exploring Meaning through

Ways of dealing with the meaning



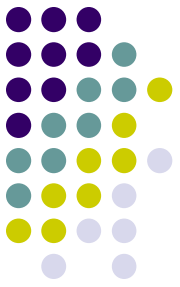
- Experiencing
- Fulfillment
- Awareness

Exploring Meaning through Volunteer`s LifeWorld



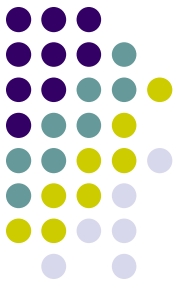
- Narrator
- Genre
- Other Person
- Laws
- Plot
- Horizon

Exploring Meaning through Phenomena



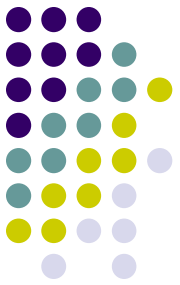
- Gratitude
- Closeness to Meaning
- The Addiction to Meaning
- Prudent Search of the Meaning
- The Expectancy of Wonder

Exploring Meaning through Crucial areas



- extreme emotional involvement
- the realization of non-realistic tasks
- the lack of support and understanding from family, administration, other volunteers,
- unawareness of self-condition and a ban to take care about oneself
- Death Encounter

Thank you!



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