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In general terms:

- After accompanying processes for more than 25 years, we have seen that long-term drug use leads to a significant deterioration in people's health and aggravates their existing vulnerabilities.
- A fundamental role is played by institutions, public health systems, social policies, and drug policies that guarantee all persons access to health care and protect their rights.
- The actual access a person has to health care will either facilitate or hinder the process of seeking help (Ríos A, 2020).



Person-centered care:

- Entails an intervention with a human rights approach.
- The promotion and protection of human rights is a cross-cutting factor throughout the methodological proposal.
- Involves recognizing the person as a subject of rights and helping him/her make decisions about his/her own life and health (Ríos A, 2020).



The individual therapeutic project:

- Implies the individual nature of the therapeutic process through active listening in which the person is assisted in identifying his/her needs.
- Promotes the development of the person's autonomy and of his/her capacity to make decisions and consequently take charge of them while maintaining respect for subjectivity.
- Characterized by flexibility and adaptability.
- The focus is not on the drug, but on the person.
- Consistent with the damage/risk management approach.



Person-centered care and comprehensiveness:

- The approach built on individuality enables the recognition of the person's comprehensiveness, enabling interventions from a bio-psycho-social approach (Ríos A, 2020).
- "Strengthening socio-affective and institutional support networks as a goal to promote the sustainability of healthy processes and people's access and adherence to existing health care resources, thereby ensuring the protection and promotion of comprehensive health" (Ríos A, 2020).



Person-centered care and comprehensiveness:

- A professional multidisciplinary approach is needed to understand the person in all his/her complexity.
- Multidisciplinary work in therapeutic plans is essential for the promotion of human rights.
- Networking is of the utmost importance to optimize the available resources.



Thank you very much!

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