

Affective sponsors: the experience of motivation

Abstract

Family structure has changed over decades and also reports on abandonment and adoption of children, including the laws that govern such acts and defend their rights. In this sense, new proposals like Affective Sponsorship are being created in order to try to offer conditions closer to the family life standard. This study aimed to understand how affective caring sponsors experience the process of sponsorship, we analyse also their motivations and expectations and the link among caring sponsors, the sponsored children and the institutions responsible for them. After the content analysis that we got from the interviews in this research, six categories were obtained. It was concluded that several issues involve the process of sponsorship, such as the subjectivity of each sponsor, as well as the engagement with the caring sponsors, the sponsored children and the organization responsible for the children and adolescents living in government, local or private institutions. *Key-words:* Affective Sponsorship; Motivation; Experience; Adoption; Abandonment.