

The forces of CAPS: one cartography experience

Abstract

This paper examines the process of deinstitutionalization of madness in the network of relationships between social practices involving the Center for Psychosocial Care (CAPS) from the Vitória – Espírito Santo. CAPS system arises from the Psychiatric Reform as an innovative strategy for health care. They are replacement services to psychiatric hospitals that follow the logic of the asylum. Cartography was used as a methodological resource to observe lines and trends of Psychiatric Reform processes. This resource helps us to reveal what psychosocial care modes are engendered and the power lines that go through the process of psychiatric reform in Brazil. It has been found that there is, on one hand, a line of biomedical strength. On the other, there is a line of force which operates via the coding state machines. Among them, pass an escape line written in the territory that requires a struggle for cultural change, the right to diversity and citizenship for the psychiatric patient, in short, is a line in the city. *Key-words:* Power lines; Madness; Mental health; Psychiatric reform.