VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND WOMEN SHELTERS IN TURKEY

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Abstract

Violence against women that we face up with at every phase of our lives is lifting effectiveness. Domestic violence becoming more visible and requiring to take more precautions make some social policy practices and precautions necessary. Some social policy practices are done in relation with violence against women in Turkey and the world. From this point of view, some precautions are taken in relation eith the legal regulations and social policy practices. It is highly important that women should move off violance environment in the process that the precautions are taken.

Women shelter meets us in terms of the practices to strengthen and protect women in the struggle againts women. Women shelters came in sight in the world long before that came in sight in Turkey. Women shelters which were started to be established at the beginning of ninties still give services. Although it is seen that they change and enhance from time to time with some practises, it is a reality that current situations should be improved. Not only structural regulations but also some changes are needed. It is also important that women should be placed according to their special needs. In this study, the topics on enhancing women shelters qualitatively and quantitavely, organization of social environment and supplying necessary psychological and health supoorts are focused on. Women shelters are the places where women move off violence and get some psychological, social and economical support. At this point this research is done in Ankara and the sample consists of women shelters in Ankara. Women staying in women shelters in Ankara was interviewed in 2014 and the situation of shelters, programs applied for the women and sthrengthening works are anaylized. Finally some recommendations are made for women shelters to be enhanced.

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