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To: Editor of *Psicologia e Pesquisa*

Dear Editor

We are submitting the article: "*PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN A SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT: CHALLENGES FOR APPLYING SCREENING AND BRIEF INTERVENTION*" to be published in *Psicologia e Pesquisa*. On nowadays, the substance abuse is a critical public health problem in which most of users are adolescents. Likewise, most of the adolescents in conflict with law were using substances at the time of the infraction, mainly tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and crack. According to some guidelines from World Health Organization, Screening and Briefing Intervention (SBI) have been recommended as regular procedures in order to reduce substance related disorders in different settings. Many authors have been indicated the effectiveness of SBI to a wide range of drugs as well as to people of different ages. However, its implementation still is very difficult in Brazil, due in part to qualification of human resources.

The present study was developed to evaluate the acceptability and feasibility of a training program to psychologists and social workers who works with adolescents in conflict with law at Fundação Casa (FCASA). We also evaluated some predictors of adherence and motivation of the professionals to apply screening and brief intervention on their practice routine.

All the study procedures were carried out according to the strictest ethical principles, having been approved by the Committee of Ethics in Research from UNIFESP (Universidade Federal de São Paulo) and followed the International guidelines on Ethics on Research (all NIH criteria were fulfilled).

All the authors are responsible for its contents, having revised and approved its final version

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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