



Activities carried out as a Visiting Professor at University of Vermont - Profa.

Dra. Marina Monzani da Rocha

Dr Marina Monzani da Rocha was hosted as a Visiting Professor at the Research Center for Children, Youths and Families at the University of Vermont (UVM), in the United States, from February to March 2020. During this period, she worked with Professors Thomas Achenbach and Masha Ivanova on the international research project on the Use of Electronic Media by Children and Adolescents. She performed a literature review on methodologies to assess the use of electronics in this age group and discussed the execution of the research project, following the same methodology, in Brazil. Data collection was finalized in Brazil in July 2020 and the work resulting from these efforts will be submitted for publication by the beginning of 2021. In addition, one of the works carried out has already been approved for presentation at a scientific event scheduled for September 2021. In addition to carrying out the research project, during her period at UVM, Dr Marina M. Rocha participated in weekly meetings of the research center with students, professionals and professors linked to the center, including professors Thomas Achenbach, Robert Althoff, James Hudziak, Masha Ivanova, Leslie Rescorla and David Rettew.

During her time as Visiting Professor at the University of Vermont, Dr Marina M. Rocha conducted an interview with Professor Thomas Achenbach about his career, including the process of devising the Achenbach System of Empirically Based Assessment (ASEBA). Prof. Achenbach told about his concern, during his doctorate, with the diagnoses available at the time for children and adolescents; the DSM-I, the diagnostic manual at the time, offered only two classification possibilities: Adjustment Reaction and Childhood Schizophrenia. Therefore, he started to analyze all the medical records of children referred to the psychiatric services at the University of Minnesota, where he studied, and, based on the problems listed, created the first version of the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL), a questionnaire that allows the evaluation of the difficulties experienced in childhood in a developmental psychopathology perspective. In addition to ASEBA's history, the interview addressed Dr Achenbach's different international experiences, including the fellowship with Professor Jean Piaget at the University of Geneva, and the expansion of ASEBA around the world, with the translation of its questionnaires into more than 100 languages. The interview was recorded on March 13, 2020 and is available to child and adolescent mental health professionals.



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