## "ERANTSI"

A guide for therapeutic companionship to HIV positive persons living with other associated comorbidities.

Asociación t4. Bilbao.





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## **PRESENTATION / Our work / Action field**

1992-1997

Emotional Support

1998-2010

Risk Reduction and Social Programs

2010- to now Person Centered Programs: Personal Growth and Resilience





# **INTRODUCTION** / Therapeutic companionship

The therapeutic companionship is defined as a community psychological help to support mental health or addictions treatment.

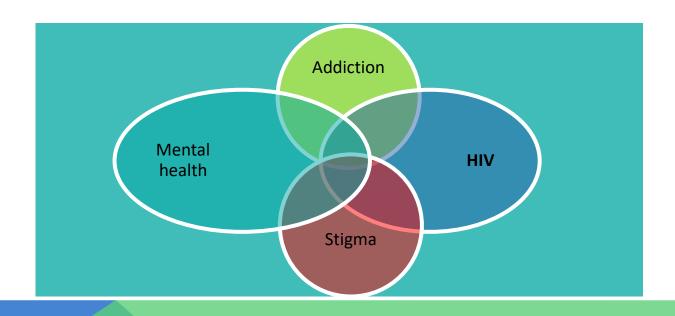
Therapeutic companionship <u>implies</u> therapeutic alliance and promotes access and adherence to care.





## **INTRODUCTION** / HIV positive persons living with other associated comorbidities

"The syndemics model of health focuses on the biosocial complex, which consists of interacting, copresent, or sequential diseases and the social and environmental factors that promote and enhance the negative effects of disease interaction".<sup>1</sup>



People living with HIV and other comorbidities suffer from multiple physical illness, and stigmatization.

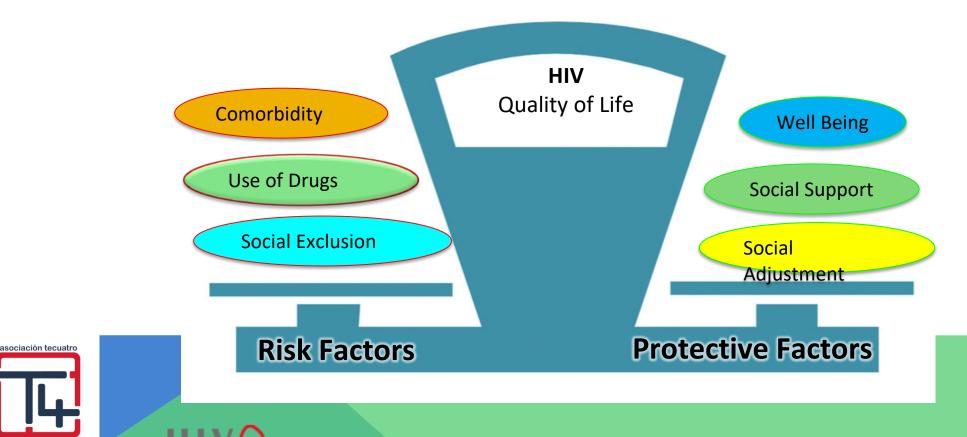




<sup>1</sup>Singer, M (2017). Syndemics and the biosocial conception of health. The lancet. Vol. 389,(10072): 941–950,

# **OBJECTIVE** / To design a guide on therapeutic companionship

Main objective: To develop psychosocial strengths to improve adherence to treatment and awareness of the illness.





## **PARTICIPANTS**

#### **GENDER**

15 participants (11 men and 4 women)

#### **SOCIAL EXCLUSION**

- 73.3% Social housing
- 27.7% Economical aids.

#### **COMORBIDITY**

- 60% methadone treatment (63.6% men and 50% women)
- 40% psychiatric treatment (36.4% men and 50% women)

#### **USE OF DRUGS**

- 66.7% VHC (72.7% HCV in men and 50% women)
- 46.7% are using drugs (54.5% men and 25% women)









## **GROUP INTERVENTION(I)**

Session 1: Self concept

Session 2: Self care

Session 3: Emotional well being

Session 4: Positive relations

Session 5: Personal growth

Session 6: Self realization

#### **Structure of each session (90 min)**

☐ Relaxation

☐ Theory

☐ Practice

☐ Homework

☐ Closure







Ryff, Carol D., and Corey Lee M. Keyes. "The structure of psychological well-being revisited." Journal of personality and social psychology 69.4 (1995): 719.

# **PRE-POST EVALUATION / Questionnaires**

Questionnaire	What it measures	Brief description	Subscales
Goldberg General Health Questionnaire (GHQ28) (Goldberg & Hillier, 1979)	Mental Health valuation	28 items. GHQ scores obtains with a scale 0,0,1, and 1 to each item. Cut Point=PD=6	A: Somatic symptoms B: Anxiety and Insomnia C: Social Dysfunction D:Serious depression
Social Adaptation Self-evaluation Scale (SASS) (Bosc, Dubini, & Polin, 1997) adaptaed to (Bobes et al., 1998)	Evaluates behavior and social motivation	21 items. The score is made assigning values of 0 to 3 to the answers of the items Cut Point =PD=35	A: Leisure and work B: Family Communication C: Social Life D:Community life
Perceived Social Support (MOS) (Sherbourne & Stewart, 1991) validated by (Costa-Requena, Salamero, & Gil, 2007)	Evaluates size of social relations and perception of social support	20 items Scores 1-5 each item	A: Structural Social Support B: Perceived Social Support. B.1:emotional support. B.2:Instrumental SupportB.3. Affective social support
Positive Affect and Negative Affect PANAS (Sandín et al., 1999)	Evaluates frequency of every single emotion in the last month	20 items Scores 1-5 each item	A: Positive Affect B: Negative Affect
Perceived Stress Questionnaire (Cohen et al., 1983; Remor & Carrobles, 2001)	Evaluate how the person feels in the last month in relation to the perceived ability to cope with stressful situations	14 items Scores 0-4 each item	A. Perceived stress





## **RESULTS**

## **SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT**

- Social Adjustment
- Anxiety
- General mental health

PRE POST EVALUATION						
	Pre	Post	t-test			
Social Support	66.7	72.6	.060			
Social Adjustment	35.4	40.0	.050*	Sig		
Social relationships	9.6	11.0	.047*	Sig		
<b>General Mental Health</b>	7.2	5.9	.050*	Sig		
Anxiety	2.8	1.9	.041*	Sig		
Depression	1.9	1.8	.778			

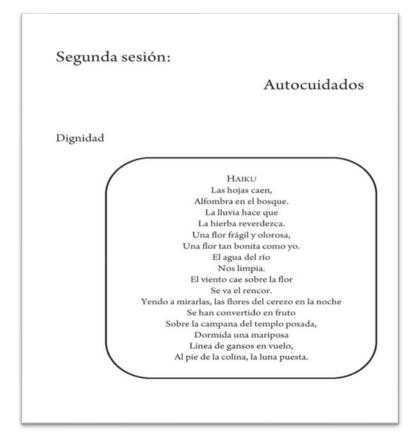




### **ERANTSI GUIDE**









## It consists of three parts:

- Theoretical tools
- A session diary based on the transcripts of the sessions
- A group of questionnaires for the evaluation of the process

### **CONCLUSIONS**

This guide will be implemented in Basque Country, with the Support of Basque Government (In press)

#### The main conclusion is:

The experience of these years has served to design an approach which is based on social and health chronic needs and strengths. The services are not necessarily addressed to HIV people as a target group, because this is stigmatizing.





# Thank you very much!!!!



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