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This issue – which initiates the full adolescence of RBCDH, with its 15 years of life – is opened by an article written by Márcia Mazza – who, during long and hard years, edited this journal, which owes much to her – and supervised by Fernando Lefèvre, scientific coordinator of CDH for many fruitful years. However, the presence of the article is due only to the theme and the approach to it. In fact, the care given to the elderly, centered on the dyad elderly-caretaker, contributes to the full understanding that growth and development belong to life and cease only with death, and that all themes related to children and adolescents apply to the elderly.

Next, an article from France, by Christine Bristet, approaches with equal pertinence the relationship between caretaker-care; in this case, parents from different origins and the way in which they deal with the small child's sleeping behavior.

The next article, by Juliana Maria Fernandes Pereira and Liana Fortuna Costa, from Brasília, reflects many of CDH's worries concerning the question of the non-adoption of children who might be adopted. It is an article deriving from practice that, by means of reflection, becomes praxis – and this is also one of the aims of CDH.

In the same angle, but with different methods and objectives, we have four articles: two related to school, two to the health area.

In the school environment, Maria José de Mesquita Serra and Jane Correa, from Rio de Janeiro, studied the influence of maternal expectation on the child's literacy achievement; and Caroline De Salvo, Ingrid Mazzarotto and Suzane Löhr, from Curitiba,

report the application of a prevention program of social skills promotion in preschool children, carried out with parents in schools.

In the health area, Mariana Mendonça and Eleonora Ferreira, from Belém, studied the difficulties faced by caregivers of children with asthma, providing proposals concerning how to obtain greater adherence to the treatment; and Débora de Mello, Cláudia Viera, Érica Sempionato, Zélia M. Biasoli-Alves, and Lucila Nascimento, from Ribeirão Preto, report their experience, within the Family Health Program, with two techniques, genogram and ecomap, showing that their use can facilitate the bond with the families and also a better comprehension of these families.

Finally, in a direction opposite to that of the current “happy” 15 years of our journal, the theme of adolescents returns in an article by Nancy Ramacciotti de Oliveira, about maternity in social and urban peripheries. It is a mature reflection by the author, based on several previously conducted studies, which brings, as an innovative contribution, concepts from environmental psychology to illuminate such a painful and current problem of our country.

In short, we can say that the basic theme of all the articles is the bond question, understood in its several levels of reciprocal influences, from the primary dyad mother-child to the care given to the elderly, as dependent from the help that the caretaker family needs in order to be able to look after them.

Through these articles, the very trajectory of CDH and RBCDH seems to acquire body and strength, manifesting its history in it: the unfolding of a seed that, growing, brings to life its potentiality.

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