CHAPTER # 02

METHODS OF SOCIAL WORK
Lecture no: 08

In today's lecture we will go through the following points.

➢ Principles of social group work
➢ Community organization

PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL GROUP WORK

The principles which are kept forth by the group worker to carry out the social group work practice are as under.

1) **Formation of group**

The first and for most thing for the group worker is to form a group. The group usually consists of 6 to 8 individuals, who are having approximately same age and a common problem. The group worker must know their problem, their needs, age, resources, limitations and their life experiences.

2) _Choosing a group leader_

  After forming group the group worker chooses or nominate one of the group member who is comparatively educated for the correspondence with him. The group leader remains in close contact with the group worker, so that to inform him about the group activities and development.

3) _Establishment relationship among the group members_

  To create acquaintance among the group members it is necessary to establish good relation among them. It makes easy the rehabilitation process, and gives good opportunity to the group members to share their life experiences without any fear.

4) **_Creating enabling potential in the group_**

The philosophy of social work revolves around enabling process, which makes an individual to resolve his problem through self-help. So, in group work activity it is the sole responsibility of a group worker to create enabling potential in the group members to tackle their problem through their self efforts.

5) **_Adjust the members in the agency settings_**

Attachment with the agency is the pre-requisite for any social work activity. Social group work is unlike the case work, the members are called and adjusted in the agency settings in leisure time to have get together and bring them back in social functioning.

*6) **<u>Creating conducive atmosphere</u>***

It is necessary for the rehabilitation of the members to provide them a friendly and conducive atmosphere, because whatsoever, they are not given a good atmosphere, it is difficult for them to stay for long time in the agency settings. The members should be authorized to freely express their views and no restrictions on their movement. They should be provided all basic requirements to attract them in the agency.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

The third primary method of social work is community organization. In community organization the efforts are directed towards meeting the community needs and developing integration within the community people. Community organization considers and creates adjustment between the community needs and resources. Through community organization the community members unite and try to mobilizes their available resources to fulfil their felt needs. So, in this way the welfare measures are undertaken by the community people according to their needs and resources.

According to Mc Neil

"Community organization is the process by which the people of community as individual citizens or as a representative of a group join together to determine social welfare needs, plan ways to meet them and mobilize the necessary resources".

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