

## YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND PROTAGONISM IN BRAZIL

### A STUDY IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO

**Objective:** summarize main activities conducted by the ICCRP case study team in Brazil between 2022 and 2024 focusing on intergenerational relationships and practices that include the voices and demands of children and youth.

#### Activities

October

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#### Interviews with children and youth

Consultation for mapping of initiatives led by young people in the region

Mobilization of young people for participation in the project's Intergenerational Committee (Letícia Melo and Matheus Lira)

#### HIGHLIGHT

The partnership with the Youth Forum of the South Fluminense in Action and the Municipal Children's Rights Council (CMDCA) was essential for carrying out the activities

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April 2023

Pinheiral

#### Two meetings with the elected municipal delegates

Support from the Municipal Council (CMDCA) for arranging the meetings that took place in April and July

Lack of organization of the CMDCA prevented the youth from attending the State Conference on the Rights of the Child and the Adolescent, causing demobilization

#### Volta Redonda

May 2023

Between May and October five activities were carried out involving approximately 1400 children and youth

Outcomes: larger visibility to demands of students, improvements in the infrastructure of a school and formal complaint of bullying at the Public Ministry from another school

#### HIGHLIGHT

Greater visibility of the demands of children and youth

June 2023

Barra do Pirai

## Participation of youth delegates in the election for the local CMDCA

Mobilization of Young people to participate in the Municipal Council election

Discontinuity of participation because the CMDCA did not fully support the engagement of youth

Based on the operational model of the Youth Forum of the South Fluminense in Action, the CMDCA suggested the creation of the Municipal Youth Council



September 2023

Pinheiral

## Two meetings at the Reference Center of Social Assistance (CRAS)

Support from the Municipal Secretariat of Social Assistance for organizing meetings in September and October

Discontinuity of further contact and mobilization of public agencies after completion of a series of events organized by City Hall

### CHALLENGE

Prioritization of elections of the Guardianship Council and of municipal elections by the CMDCAs, weakening initiatives in favor of participation of children and youth

### CHALLENGE

Focus on counselors (individual) and not in the institution (collectively)

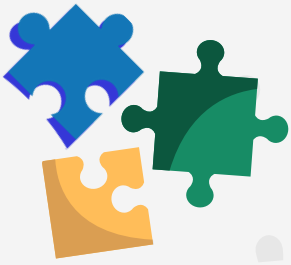
### Activities

September 2023

## International Seminar

Seminar "Strategies for increasing participation of children and youth in spaces for discussion and public policy deliberation"

Contribution to increase the debate about child and youth participation with the presence of young people and adults



Barra do Pirai

October 2023

## Participation in the Municipal Youth Conference

Mobilization of political representatives to organize the meeting

Invitation to participate in the meeting's thematic axes

Participation of youth delegates at the National Conference on the Rights of the Child and the Adolescent

October 2023

Barra Mansa

### CHALLENGE

Lack of regulation and/or clarity about the functions of the Councils/counselors

### Activities

March

20  
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**Two publications targeting young and adult people by the ICCRP team**

**“Recommendations for the CMDCA on the Participation of Children and Youth” and “Practical Guide to Children and Youth Protagonism”**

Publications were based on previous experiences and observations of what young people and adults need to know to expand the participation of children and youth

**Participation of children and Youth at the State Conference on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent (Rio de Janeiro)**

Meeting with children and youth from the CRAS contributed to the formulation of a report to the CMDCA to request their attendance during the conference

Young participants demonstrated great interest in the activities promoted by the ICCRP young team

April 2024

### Activities

**Participation in the 12th National Conference on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent in Brasília (CONANDA)**

Positive outcomes of the joint effort to create materials and disseminate information involving children, youth and adults

Contribution to broaden intergenerational debates

### Activities

July 2024

**Publication “Interactive guide: participation and other rights of children and youth”**

Including multiple links and references for children and youth to further their understanding about their rights

July 2024

### Barra Mansa

**Training offered to counselors of the CMDCA and Guardianship Counselors**

Change of the initial resistance of the local children’s rights counselors who sought to include young people’s participation in their action plan and in the 2025 municipal budget

### Volta Redonda

July 2024

**Dialogue with counselors**

Presentation of ICCRP research results at Municipal Children’s Rights conference/assembly



July 2024

**Volta Redonda**

**Two meetings held at important local institutions to advocate for children's participation**

Between July and August the ICCRP team in partnership with the Youth Forum conducted activities in different spaces using a game to inform about children's rights (JoguECA) and materials produced by the research team



**Pinheiral**

August 2024

**Participation during the CMDCA assembly**

It was discussed the importance of informing and publicizing more broadly the role of the CMDCA for children and youth

**Activities**

October 2024

**Interviews with adult key-actors on children's rights**

Evaluation of the activities of the ICCRP case study carried out in the cities of Barra Mansa, Barra do Pirai, Pinheiral and Volta Redonda

October 2024

**Activities**

**Seminar**

Organization of the seminar "Adolescents and youth in action: discussing strategies for citizen participation"

Discussion about participation strategies adopted by young people in public spaces in Rio de Janeiro

**CHALLENGE**

Lack of resources and personnel in the CMDCAs, causing discontinuity and weakening positive outcomes



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