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# Recomendations of adjustments to the Brazilian context of the Unplugged prevention program

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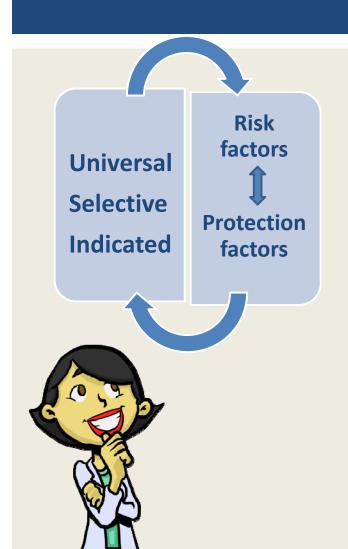


#### **BRAZILIAN EVIDENCED-BASED**

 A systematic review of Brazilian evidenced-based drug abuse prevention programmes have not found any intervention to be ready for large-scale dissemination.



#### THEORETICAL MODEL



Interventions should consider the subjects and their propensities, family background, social and environmental context and the complex interaction between them.

(Bronfenbrenner, 1986)

#### **DATA**

Among students from 6th to 9th grade of elementary school and the 1st to 3rd year of high school in 26 capitals and the Federal District:

42.4% had used alcohol in the past year.

National School Health survey of teenagers in 9th grade Elementary School Public Schools:

- prevalence of 71.4% for alcohol experimentation; and
- > 27.3% for regular consumption of alcohol.



- For drinking alcohol in a binge pattern (consuming five drinks or more of alcohol for men and four or more drinks for women on a single occasion);
- > To have heavy consumption patterns of alcohol (consumption of more than nineteen 19 days per month); and
- > To make use of illicit drugs.



#### CONTEXT



# PREVENTION IN BRAZIL: AN INVITE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

#### In Brazil, preventive actions are:

- marked by occasional lectures with information about drugs and police programs in schools inspired by DARE
- dominated by a model "war on drugs"
- > non evidence based





(BUCHER, 1992; CARLINI-COTRIM, 1998; CANOLETTI; SOARES, 2005; FAGGIANO, 2010; SODELLI, 2010; SCHNEIDER, 2010; SCHNEIDER; LIMA, 2011; FERREIRA et al., 2010; BÜCHELE; COELHO, LINDNER, 2009).

# PREVENTION IN BRAZIL: AN INVITE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

- > In the **health** sector, from biomedical to interactions between risk factors and protective factors.
- ➤ In the **education** sector, from a mechanistic and deterministic model (transmission of knowledge) to the teacher being a moderator of feelings and emotions

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To recommend cultural adaptation to the Brazilian context of the school prevention program of alcohol and other drugs - "Unplugged" #Tamojunto (2013) – by means of a pilot implementation



#### **METHOD**



- Based on Constructivist Grounded Theory (CHARMAZ, 2009) inspired by "Grounded Theory" (GLASER e STRAUSS, 1967; STRAUSS e CORBIN, 2008).
- The study follows an inductive criterion of textual analysis of descriptive materials about the pilot implementation process of the "Unplugged" #Tamojunto in Brazil (2013) and textual analysis of national institutional reporting

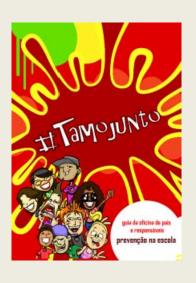
#### **METHOD**



# **Data source:**

- Cartographic Diaries from program multipliers (144 diaries, about implementation in 8 schools). Their content was a descriptive survey of the activities carried out in the schools, a description of activities, challenges and achievements of program implementation;
- Research Report of the University UNIFESP and UFSC (Study quasi-experimental and experimental study); and
- Institutional reports (national).

#### UNPLUGGED PROGRAM



- ❖ 12 classes held by the teacher and three Family Workshops held by health and education professionals;
- Life skills, normative beliefs and information & critical knowledge; and
- ❖ Interactive, role activities that integrate lifestyle choices of teenagers and their beliefs.

#### **CULTURAL ADAPTATION**

Collective system of values, beliefs, expectations, and norms, including traditions and customs, as well as sharing established social networks and standards of conduct that define them as a cultural group



#### **CULTURAL ADAPTATIONS**

- 1 Are cultural adaptations developed from original Unplugged justifiable? Yes:
- a) In the Brazilian experience the objective is to transform Unplugged in a public policy, to be offered to public schools all over the country.
- a) We have differences in normative beliefs and in prevalence of youth drug use, specially for tobacco.

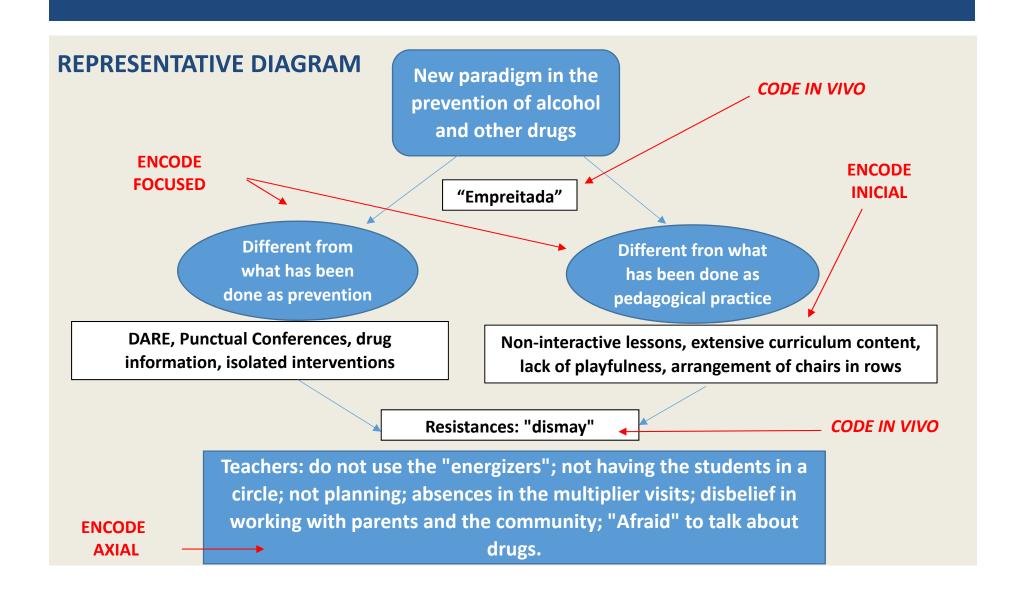


#### **CULTURAL ADAPTATIONS**

Procedures that maintain fidelity to the core elements of EBIs while also adding certain cultural content to the intervention and/or its methods of engagement.



#### **RESULTS**







# 1. Theoretical and structural foundations of the program

- ➢Include a moment of institutional presentation adoption.
- > Teacher monitoring process: supervision meeting.
- ▶Program must be incorporated into the school curriculum.





#### 2. Technical Program

- ➤ Participation of teachers, coordinators or directors of schools and health professionals on training.
- ➤ Include in the two-day training a discussions about the schedule of activities under the program
- > The monitoring process: planning and evaluation
- Follow the changes in the material suggested by the teachers with the exception of those that modify the core elements.





- 3. Implementation structure of the program components
- > To map the prevention background
- **→** Rethink the invitation for Parent Workshop
- > Instruments that monitor quality and fidelity
- > The program should be implemented during all the year
- > Encourage exchanges between teachers.





#### 4. To whom this program is intended, including age

- > Follow the age recommendations indicated by the Research, 13-14 years.
- > Fit the target age according to local prevalence of use of surveys.
- ➤ The program does seem appropriate to groups with a history of violence and indiscipline
- > Teachers of these classes (Indiscipline) need more support





- 5. Multiplier function for sustainability and program maintenance
- Create sustainable arrangements for the maintenance of the multiplier

➤ Maintain, among multiplier tasks, responsibility for ongoing mapping adequacy requirements of the project to different contexts.





- 6. CATEGORY: The local, micro and macro managements (directors, coordinators, managers of municipal and state) and the sustainability
- > Expand the relationship with the managements of Municipal and State Departments of Health and Education
- > Including local managers in strategic decision-making levels

#### **CONCLUSION**

The prevention must produce autonomy, thinking implementers, capable of mediating the technique with reality in a permanent process of negotiation.



# **THANKS**





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