Abstract

The present article gives account of some of the results obtained from an investigation that’s central objective is to generate a conceptual frame which contributes to the description and the analysis of local policies of social inclusion in favor of the youth in Santiago. The material that is presented here was made by interviews from experts in this specific field and corresponds to an analysis and discussion of present concepts of youth in the national public policy. As far as the results are considered, it is set out to find the existence of the considers that establishes a strong association between youth as young-beings and youth as students; it also discusses what this means in terms of youth policies. Later some nuances are analyzed that the concept of youth in the public policy acquires which includes a discussion about the criteria that define the young individual, the perspective youth with rights, the fact that the youth are rather objects than subjects of the public policy and the problem of not being considered members of the State. Finally, trying to shed light on the entailment which the youth establish with respects to the public policy.

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YOUTH CONCEPTS, YOUTH POLITICS, PARTICIPATION.