The life of words and their language actions. Narratives of mothers of deaf children

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Considering the importance of mother's participation on the constitution of a deaf child, this research aims to analyze the discourse of deaf children's mothers, in their quotidian communication with their children, observing their narratives from a point of view of the "living word as an action of language". Grounded on the bakhtinian perspective theory and on the qualitative study of a socio-historical nature, this study privileges a dialogic reading of an interlocution site. So, the data collected from the discourses of two mothers of deaf children (with cochlear implantation) during a semi-structured interview encompasses the study material about the enunciative-discursive activity involved in the act of speech.

Therefore, the mothers' speeches during the interview showed an actively dialogic responsive language, which goes beyond the ready codes and static roles of formal linguistics. It can be perceptible that language must not be only 'speaker-listener' communication in their static roles, but an axiological sociohistorical contextualized subject matter. However, differently to mothers' speeches during their interviews, the language view that seems to be preponderate in their communication with the children, appears to appoint preferentially to a vision that privileges an oralised word, even it occurs isolated or loosed in the middle of the interacting situations.

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