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“The Contribution of Social Workers to Governance Models in Tuscany's SAI Projects”

This study investigates an integrated model for the reception and integration of asylum seekers and refugees in Tuscany, Italy. The model is characterized by two key elements: collaborative, interdisciplinary teams and a multifaceted approach that engages local organizations, institutions, and resources. This structure aligns with the recommendations of the 2017 *White Paper on Reception Policies for Asylum Seekers and International or Humanitarian Protection Holders*, which set the foundation for coordinated reception policies across Tuscany.

Implementation of the model involves connecting individual municipality-led SAI (System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees) centers with collaborative governance structures through Unions of Municipalities and Health Societies. The study analyzes three governance models within the SAI: those operated by individual municipalities, those led by Municipal Unions, and those managed by Health Societies. Each model seeks to improve resource sharing and service integration to create a more unified reception system.

The study examines the role of social workers and local social services within SAI teams, emphasizing their role in connecting SAI interventions with regional welfare systems. Through qualitative research methods and in-depth interviews with key personnel from SAI centers throughout Tuscany, the research uncovers variations in resources, operational adaptability, and strategic responsibilities across different governance models, identifying both effective approaches and challenges encountered.

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