

# ICDP Ukraine news

ICDP trainer Sergey Krasin informs on behalf of ICDP Ukraine:

*Highlights from our work for the period between November 2019 and March 2020*

In October 2019 Anya Trukhan and I started new ICDP training courses for facilitators in Kharkov. The participants came from 5 cities: Kharkov, Kiev, Druzhkovka, Dnipro and Krivoy Rog. They are psychologists, teachers, university teachers, parents and foster parents.

In December 2019, Sissel Solied, an ICDP trainer from Norway, visited Kharkiv and gave a talk on "Experiences from parental guidance in Norwegian shelters" at the International Scientific and Practical Conference at the Kharkov National Pedagogical University G.S. Skovoroda. On this occasion, the ICDP Ukraine trainer Anna Trukhan gave a talk on "Opportunities of the International Child Development Programme to provide facilitated family support in Norway". Both abstracts are presented in the conference proceedings.



On February 12-13, Anna Trukhan conducted the workshop "Effective ways to support parents of pupils" at the Kharkov Humanitarian Pedagogical Academy. Workshop were for senior methodologists of the kindergartens in

Kharkov. The participants became acquainted with the history of the creation of the International Child Development Programme, its basic principles, criteria and features.

A lot of facilitators are working in different organizations in Kharkov. They are conducting the ICDP trainings for parents and we provide supervisory assistance to them.

ICDP trainings was rolled out to parents through cooperation with the NGO "You Too", where facilitators Victoria Lepyokha, Elena Bondar and Elena Martynyuk conducted ICDP trainings for 4 parent groups. The participants of these groups were parents who are faced with difficult life circumstances (such as having ill relatives with oncological illnesses, suffering from grief due to death of a close relative, struggling single mothers, grandmothers who took grandchildren under their guardianship) and families who want to improve relationships with their children.



“ We have three couples in one of these groups, which is very pleasing, as it is very good when both parents are interested in developing a good relationship with their child and are willing to take responsibility for it” - says facilitator Victoria Lepeha.

A very interesting team of facilitators works in the Kidsdream Private Kindergarten. The team consists of a mother and her son: Natalia Novachenko and Evgeny Fedak. They conduct ICDP trainings for parents of children with disabilities.

Anya and I plan to start training new groups of facilitators in Kharkiv and Odesa, as soon as the corona virus situation abates. In that training we will apply our new programme including the PSEA training.

In our organization, we are already starting to implement Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policies and we will apply it to all our partners. We will also organize the same trainings for all facilitators, including those who have already been trained in the past. In the future, PSEA training will be integrated in the general ICDP training courses as mandatory.

We are currently designing a new training programme at three levels that includes the PSEA training:

1st level. Basic training in the eight ICDP guidelines.

2nd level. ICDP Facilitator level.

3rd level. Regional trainer for regional work. This level will be for very experienced facilitators.

In this program we plan to conduct PSEA training after the first level.