

## International Workshop on

# Protection of Children: Psycho-Social Support and Wellbeing

Haifa, Israel

November 30-December 17, 2015

### OVERVIEW

*“Too many children remain excluded from the progress of the past 25 years. The cost of these inequities is paid most immediately – and most tragically – by children themselves. But the long-term impact affects generations to come, undermining the strength of their societies. So addressing these inequities and reducing disparities is not only the right thing to do – honoring the spirit of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – it is also the strategic thing to do, yielding practical gains. As the global community begins to shape – and act on – the post-2015 agenda, dismantling the financial, political, institutional and cultural barriers that stand between children and their rights must be a central priority.”* - THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN 2015:

Executive Summary, UNICEF

[http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/SOWC\\_2015\\_Summary\\_and\\_Tables.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/SOWC_2015_Summary_and_Tables.pdf)

Worldwide, millions of children are subjected to violence, exploitation, and neglect and are in desperate need for psychosocial care and support.

Governmental and non-governmental organizations in Israel, such as The Israel National Council for the Child (NCC) and the Interministerial National Committee for Children and Adolescents at Risk, ensure that children's rights are protected and their health and education ensured. These organizations succeed in changing laws and legislature in supporting needs of children in Israel.

### OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Through introductory lectures, professional study visits, observation, workshops, and discussions of applicability to local realities, participants will be exposed to the following:

- Getting acquainted with support programs for children and their families
- Reviewing services and organizations in Israel that support children and their families, including services from the Ministry of Education and Social Services



- Gaining insight and reflecting on the role of the care giver, educator, therapist, social worker, community worker, and health care giver to offer support to children and their families
- Understanding the importance of early detection and intervention for children in need of extra support
- Creating a positive environment for children to grow to their potential
- Effects of trauma on the child, the family and the community
- Developing coping skills to ease post traumatic syndrome
- Building resiliency resources in the individual, the family, and the community to enhance awareness of inner strength – through different therapies – art, music, movement, etc.
- Community programs in prevention
- Coordination among community services
- Working in multidisciplinary teams – decision making, negotiating, conflict resolution
- Project planning and writing
- Knowledge and professional exchange among international participants

### TARGET POPULATION:

This training welcomes men and women with leadership qualities open to new ideas and who see themselves as agents of change. The workshop is open to psychologists, educators, caregivers, NGO trainers, community workers, social workers, health workers, nurses, and university lecturers. Candidates should have academic or equivalent training and experience in working with children and families. Multidisciplinary teams working in the field are encouraged to attend the workshop together.

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDES:

**Studies:** Lectures, field visits, written study material, and use of the library, internet, and free Wi-Fi.

**Room and Board:** Two students per room (linen, hotwater, heating/air-conditioning), all meals included, and laundry facilities on the premises.

**Cultural and Social Activities:** Excursions to historical and religious sites.

**Health Services:** Medical insurance covers medical services and hospitalization in case of emergency. It does not cover the treatment of chronic or serious diseases, specific medications taken by the participant on a regular basis, dental care, eyeglasses, or the period of pregnancy. The Health Authorities recommend that visitors to Israel make sure they have been inoculated against tetanus in the last ten years.

### Participants Are Responsible For All Other Expenses.

**Travel:** The scholarship does not cover flight tickets to and from Israel. International travel fares are the responsibility of the candidate or his/her sponsoring organization.

**Passport and Visa:** Passports must be valid for the period of the Workshop and include an entry visa into Israel. Two additional passport-size photographs are also required for various documents.

**Booking:** The date and flight number of the booking to Israel must be confirmed to assure arrival before the opening of the Workshop, on November 30, 2015.

**Weather:** The Workshop will take place in autumn/beginning of winter, when temperatures may range from 10° C to 20°C.

**Clothing:** Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and comfortable low-heeled shoes for excursions and study visits.

**Personal Insurance:** Participants are advised to insure any valuable personal belongings, since MCTC takes no responsibility for them.

## HOW TO APPLY:

You can find the application form on our website: [www.mctc.org.il](http://www.mctc.org.il)

**\*\*Application forms should be sent to the Israeli Diplomatic and/or Consular Representatives serving the applicant's country. They are to be submitted no later than October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** An additional copy of the application must be sent to Ms. Sarah Wilner ([sarah@mctc.org.il](mailto:sarah@mctc.org.il)) at MCTC.

## ABOUT MASHAV

MASHAV – Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation – at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs was founded in late 1957, and is responsible for the design, coordination and implementation of the State of Israel's development cooperation programs.

## ABOUT MCTC

The Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC) was established in 1961 to assist in the training of women engaged in community work in the newly emerging states in Africa and Asia.

Since the establishment of MCTC, some 20,000 participants from more than 150 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania, and the Caribbean have attended almost 650 capacity building programs and workshops, and 28 International Conferences for Women Leaders, conducted in Israel. In addition, MCTC conducts 20-30 institutional capacity building programs in partner countries throughout each year, for hundreds more trainees throughout the developing world.

MCTC focuses on three areas of study: Community Development, Early Childhood Education, and Organization and Management of Microenterprises, all with gender as a cross-cutting issue. In each training program there are up to 30 women and men from 10 to 27 countries. Usually two workshops are conducted concurrently in different languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian, or Arabic).

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