



NEWSLETTER

For colleagues and supporters of ICDP

July issue 2012

Your contributions

Dear friends and colleagues,

In this issue we are glad to bring you news from different countries, which we received during the period between January and July 2012.

We wish to thank the project leaders who took time to write to us and all ICDP supporters for their important contributions to our work.

The Newsletter is essentially *your* publication. We therefore particularly welcome any comments and suggestions for coverage.

Suggestions for articles for the next edition should reach us by November 2012.

Please call + 44 1923 230121 or email icdp@icdp.no with ideas for articles.

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ICDP HAS NEW AMBASSADORS IN NORWAY

In February ICDP signed up three new Ambassadors! These are people who will assist ICDP by spreading the word about the work we do and about the importance of the role a good caregiver has in the life of a child. We wish to express our thanks to you Håvard, Trine, Kanwal and Jaysuma. We are very proud and feel honoured to have you as ICDP volunteers helping our cause.



Håvard Tjora (born 25 May 1977 in Oslo) is a Norwegian non-fiction writer and teacher. Tjora became known for the documentary series "blank ark" broadcast for the first time on Norwegian television in 2009.

The TV series followed Tjora and eight young students who had trouble fitting in with the school system and were struggling to keep up with the other students in their class. Tjora provided customized tools for students to learn a new curriculum and followed their progress over the summer. Thanks to Håvard and his method, all the students achieved good results. After his TV appearance Tjora published two books and he is now a columnist in the biggest Norwegian newspaper Dagbladet. Håvard gives two hundred lectures a year, all over Norway, about his experiences with teaching.

Håvard appreciates ICDP's focus on enhancing relationships between caregivers and children.



Trine Haltvik (born March 23, 1965 in Trondheim) is a Norwegian handball player and coach.

Trine has played 240 matches for the national team of Norway and scored 832 goals. Her national team career lasted 16 years: She debuted on the Norwegian national team against Sweden on 14 September 1984. She helped Norway win the World Gold Cup for in 1999, and she played the World Championship in 1997, where she got a silver and a bronze in 1986. She was awarded the Olav statuette in 1998.

Trine was the top scorer in the Norwegian series in 1996, 1998 and 1999 and she was voted as the [World Player of the Year 1998](#) by the [International Handball Federation](#).

Trine has three children and has over the years managed to combine her sports career with motherhood. Her experiences are of great significance to ICDP, we are grateful to receive her contribution and very much look forward to working together with Trine.



Kenwal Ahmad was born and raised in Skien, Norway. She now lives in Oslo at Ammerud with her husband and three children.

Kanwal has been participating in ICDP parenting courses. She has since then been a spokesperson for ICDP, because she is happy to share her own experiences with the ICDP program.

Kenwal is one of our major contributors when it comes to informing about what the ICDP program is and how we can help others.

We are very pleased that Kenwal will continue her volunteer work for ICDP - she is a great resource and motivator for all of us in the ICDP team.



Jaysuma "Jays" Saïdy Ndure (born January 1, 1984 in Bakau, Gambia) is a Gambian-Norwegian athlete. He has been a Norwegian citizen since 2006.

Jaysuma is the the Norwegian and Nordic record holder at both 100 meters and 200 meters.

In Lausanne, on the 30th of June, 2011, he became the first Norwegian to run 100 meters faster than 10 seconds.

Jaysuma is very committed to children's rights and wishes to contribute to ICDP's work for children around the world. We thank Jausuma for the support and we are looking forward to further cooperation with him.

NORWAY

The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs was very active in spreading the ICDP programme during 2011, and as a result there are 412 newly certified ICDP facilitators, and out of those 61 who are working with minority groups.

The total number of ICDP facilitators trained in Norway is 2 200 and the number of ICDP trainers is 80. The facilitators work mainly in health centres, kindergartens, child protection

units, pedagogic/psychological units, immigrant units as well as with groups of parents in prisons.

The ICDP programme is implemented throughout the country by working with local municipalities, where local professionals implement ICDP with groups of parents or caregivers in kindergartens. Most of the parent groups are of mixed gender, however, there are also groups attended by fathers only, as was the case in Oslo, where ICDP was received by a group of Somali fathers.

One new field for the application of ICDP, which was found to be very interesting, are the centres for asylum seekers (below 18 years of age). The young asylum seekers are placed in small size institutions, whose staff face challenges due to different cultures, language barriers and the young people's hard past experiences.

The ICDP programme was also tested out in a couple of institutions where the custody of the young people was taken over by the child protection unit (barnevernet). One of these two institutions looks after young people in need of good care, and the other institution is classified to work with youngsters with behavioural problems. The staff in both institutions found the programme very useful.

FIELD VISIT TO RINGNES KINDERGARTEN

On the 20th of March, ICDP International, represented by the chair Nicoletta Armstrong, visited Ringnes Park FUS Kindergarten. She was accompanied by ICDP advisor and friend Guillermo Navas from Brazil. Navas became acquainted with ICDP twelve years ago, when he was working as an evaluator for UNICEF and more recently, in his capacity as Director of Save the Children Brazil, he cooperated with ICDP on a project in Pernambuco.



The visitors had an opportunity to hear from the staff working at Ringnes Park FUS Kindergarten about the positive effects of ICDP in daily work with children and also in relation to children's parents.

Some of the employees travelled to Portugal to visit the very first preschool to receive ICDP.

"I see a big difference in myself. Before I would think that it was something wrong with the child, but now I look at myself instead and try to see how I can adjust to the child. I have totally changed my attitude and perspective on how to work with children after ICDP. This has made my work much easier and I really see a change in the children as well" -FUS employee.

SCANDINAVIAN NETWORK MEETING

This year the Scandinavian Network Meeting was held in Stockholm, on 23rd and 24th of May. It was attended by over 200 people, mostly ICDP trainers and facilitators from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. [Program in Swedish.](#)



Photo on the left: Annelie Waldau and Paul Bergman (ICDP Sweden chair and director) opening the conference.

The first speaker was Nicoletta Armstrong, one of the ICDP founders and presently ICDP chair; she presented the early history of ICDP and some of the subsequent developments, particularly focusing on Colombia.

This year the conference theme was exploring links between interaction and music. Music was ever present at the conference and very accomplished and talented artists were performing throughout the two days. ICDP colleagues from Finland who are also professional musicians, explored with the audience different musical patterns, including sounds of the pentatonic scale. There were different vocal exercises, which were both interesting and fun and these were intermixed with beautiful musical improvisations.

The music theme was taken up in some of the subsequent presentations. For example, we learned from Professor Colwyn Trevarthen about the ground breaking research he and his colleagues have been conducting over the last forty years - we saw how babies communicate with their mothers by following the music of speech with their own music of movement. [Click here to see the presentation.](#)



Participants heard about the discovery of a prehistoric flute that produces the same musical pattern as the pattern detected in the exchanges between mothers and babies (in "proto-conversation").

Professor Torkel Klingberg held an interesting lecture about the recent research in neuroscience and the workings of different parts of the human brain. The artist Suzanne Osten gave an inspiring lecture with astounding video clips showing how babies enjoy theatre performances. On the second day there

were parallel workshops about the work of ICDP with youth, ICDP and the elderly, ICDP database and evaluation.



At the evening concert Bjørn Granath read poems by Tomas Transtrømer and participants enjoyed the musical performances by Carl-Henrik Fernandi and Teres Løf.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP IN ENGLAND

ICDP International held its annual international workshop for facilitators from 16-18th of March, at Loudwater, near Rickmansworth, England. The workshop venue was Loudwater Farm, set in the beautiful valley of the River Chess, 30 minutes from central London.



The participants came from Russia, Belarus, Moldova, USA, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Ukraine, Colombia and Ghana. A lot of enthusiasm was generated over the three days of sharing and exploring the ICDP themes. Most participants were interested to continue with the training and some will be implementing ICDP in pilot projects in their respective countries. The workshop represents the first step in training a new group of professionals as future ICDP facilitators.

SWEDEN

Working with the ICDP program is one way to realize the intentions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The ICDP Sweden Foundation (registered in 2000) has been included in the Network for Children since 2006.

ICDP courses arranged by the foundation ICDP Sweden include level 1 (caregiver), 2 (facilitator) and 3 (trainer): Two level 1 courses were held in Stockholm, with about 25 participants per session, and are currently being followed up with level 2 courses. A new level 3 training commenced in September 2011 in Stora Brännbo, Sigtuna, and it will be completed by spring 2013. In 2011, 22 new trainers were certified and signed agreements with the Foundation ICDP Sweden.

Introduction of web based network for the ICDP Community



Caroline Wendel (photo on the left) is the person responsible for the community developments.

The network of people trained in the program is steadily increasing by approximately 1,000 persons per year. To provide network members with a better service and in order to enhance their ability to reach each other, the board of ICDP Sweden decided to invest in a web-based network called Community. Data Company Dynamic media, which previously built the Swedish website and e-bookshop, was asked to develop an intranet, as part of the website. It consists of different levels of subscriptions, one level is for free and others are at different levels. The community is open for all who have an ICDP level of education and then there are various postgraduate features such as "guiding", "evaluating" and "teaching" in the ICDP programme. In spring and summer the intranet was built and it was opened in July at the free level. In September the subscription for the "Guiding" programme was opened. During the period July 2011 to March 2012, 693 people registered and 231 ordered subscriptions, but it will take several years before most complete the registration. The goal is to use it as an updated record of developments. In addition to its repository function the network will serve as a knowledge base for ICDP members. They should be able to find information about current research, reports and useful links to other websites.

Click [here to read the ICDP Sweden full annual report](#).

DENMARK

NEWS FROM ANNE LINDER, a psychologist who has started the training of 77 professionals last year and has given numerous talks on ICDP to many groups:- I have worked with ICDP for 10 to 12 years now and during that period I suppose I have completed 25 to 30 ICDP courses. Perhaps one could assume that I have been getting tired of teaching the same course year after year. Quite the contrary. Through each ICDP course I gain more insight, sharpen my professional and personal knowledge. I am very loyal to ICDP's approach, but I can also see a strong connection with the research findings from positive psychology. New science confirms Karsten Hundeide's mindset that a good life is one based on relationship; and that relationship is vitalized with joy, kindness, curiosity, intimacy and authenticity. These are the topics I focus on in my ICDP courses. For the year to come I have ideas for publishing new materials, but what is most important in my ICDP life is that in March, I am going to visit our ICDP friends in Australia.

KIRSTEN PEDERSEN FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTHERN DENMARK:

We are generally experiencing a constant increase in interest for ICDP. Our ICDP work is primarily with teachers and educationalists, but also psychologists, health visitors and social workers. In cooperation with the Danish National Health Service, we carried out a project with focus on children's health and well-being. The project trained health visitors and educationalists, as a joint effort to contribute to the development of children and families. We are currently focusing on documenting our work and in this connection we have a project in a local town. There we are examining the significance of ICDP in the work of educationalists and teachers and the effect in relation to children's development learning and well-being. In response to demand, we have developed supplementary activities to cover a range of topics: the theoretical and meta-theoretical basis for ICDP, video feedback, parents' cooperation, parents' guidance, and implementation. Allan Stevn Bach is a PhD-student at our university who has started to work on his thesis on the topic of ICDP and Mentalisation. In the autumn, we shall be hosting a national conference with the theme; 'Relations in different contexts'. The conference takes place on 4 October 2012 in Aalborg. With our colleagues we are preparing the ICDP Scandinavian network conference which will take place in May 2013.

REPORT FROM THE INSTITUTE GR-PSYKOLOGERNE:

We continue to hold ICDP courses for professionals, educators in kindergartens, teachers, social workers and psychologists. In addition, there have been several interesting, innovative developments with ICDP. The ICDP relation and resource oriented approach was introduced in several schools, by training all their employees in ICDP. It proved very successful and it included 120 hours of learning and training by working with vulnerable children and their parents. Together with the Ministry of Social Affairs we developed ICDP training for nurses who work with parents of newborn children. In this context we have successfully added a healthcare dimension to the ICDP program. Another new area is our involvement in researching how ICDP sensitization of professionals makes them focus on their ability to develop and make changes in the relationship for the benefit of the child's development. We translated Karsten Hundeide's manual for trainers into Danish and we had a booklet published with different articles about our work with ICDP.

FINLAND

NEW ICDP PROJECT STARTS IN KOTKA

Thanks to a grant from the local government an ICDP project has started to develop in Kotka. The project started with an introductory seminar held in February. It marked the start of the "ICDP Development project", which is developing as the cooperation of three local organizations promoting the well-being of women and children in Finland: the Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters, A-Clinic Foundation and the Finnish Blue Ribbon. ICDP trainer, Klara Schauman-Ahleberg, will be leading the ICDP training with the support from ICDP International. It is a two year project which aims to form a core group of trainers and facilitator who will apply the ICDP programme with colleagues and families, as well as sustain future ICDP developments inside their organizational networks. The future of ICDP in Finland looks promising as the local groups are showing a great deal of enthusiasm for the project. The first steps for the formation of ICDP Finland have also been undertaken. [Click here for program](#)

In March, twenty-four professionals attended a three-day training workshop in the ICDP programme. They will continue their training up to trainer level and this will take two years to accomplish.



The workshop participants came from three organizations: the Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters, A-Clinic Foundation and the Finnish Blue Ribbon. Link to project's webpage: <http://www.ensijaturvakotienliitto.fi/tyomuodot/lapsikeskeinen-paihdeyton-kehitt/>

ICDP GOES TO GHANA



Joyce Dodzi Larnyoh has over 25 years experience in teaching, from the nursery setting to the high school level; her work includes providing literacy and numeracy classes to adult learners. Joyce has worked as a teacher in schools and colleges, both in Ghana and England. She is in the process of implementing the ICDP programme with a group of 14

caregivers. (photo above: Joyce holding an ICDP meeting with caregivers). In this project she will be holding twelve ICDP meetings with caregivers. The project is one of the requirements leading to certification as an ICDP facilitator. Joyce's self-training project is taking place in the 'Shapes and Colours Educational Centre' in Community 20, Lashibi, Ghana.

CONGO



From October 18th to 30th, Pedro Mendes, one of the founders of ICDP, visited the Democratic Republic of Congo together with a team from the SDIA organization.

The meeting with the head of Child Protection in the UNICEF headquarters in Kinshasa was positive. If an ICDP pilot project in Inkisi proves to be successful, UNICEF could play a key role in helping to scale up this approach to a national level.

Excerpt from the report of the visit:

The social and economic situation in RD Congo is extremely hard. Not unexpectedly the situation and condition of children are even harder since the children are prone to be affected by multiple diseases mainly resulting from the extreme poverty, malnutrition and poor hygiene and they are also often subject to neglect and abuse as one can read in Cornelia Walther's report: *"An estimated 30,000 children under the age of 18 live on the country's streets, with the majority in the capital, Kinshasa. An ever increasing number are girls – many of them work as prostitutes and some are just 10 years old."...* *"It is a situation that is further aggravated by superstition, according to UNICEF Child Protection Officer Eloge Olengabo. "Families who cannot fend for themselves frequently take refuge in the belief that their bad luck is rooted in the witchcraft of their offspring," he says.*" (http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/drcongo_58942.html)

Other Congolese sources we met spoke of some 40 thousand street children in Kinshasa alone and that in every 10, 7 had been accused of witchcraft and 3 subjected to violence and abuse as a result. While it is not possible to verify these figures and how they were gathered, it is obvious that the figures are appallingly high. All parties that we met with expressed serious concern about the rising rate of child witchcraft accusations, and linked the harsh socio-economic situation and family break-ups to them. The accusations are then exploited by local religious leaders who offer to 'exorcise' the child, and when that doesn't work, lead to the child being often driven out of the house.

[You can read the full report by clicking here.](#)

MOZAMBIQUE

In 2012 the main focus of the ICDP work in Mozambique has been to form a Team of National Trainers who could sustain the ICDP work in the future. The action plan for 2012 includes several new steps, such as developing an autonomous local association as ICDP Mozambique, consolidating cooperation with the government departments and creating a regional network by creating stronger links with ICDP teams in neighbouring countries, in southern Africa.



ICDP Mozambique has been organizing sensitization workshops for the staff from the 'Shelter and Transitional Centres' who work on reintegrating children with their retraced families. In addition, the ICDP programme has been spreading to schools, kindergartens and to students at EMU (a government university), and it is being introduced in the curriculum of masters degree students at the UP private university.



However, during the last couple of years special attention has been placed on helping children at risk in two of the most vulnerable provinces, Maputo and Gaza. In order to enhance the work in these two provinces, the ADSC organization was formed (Association for Children's Psychosocial Development). The woman leader of ADSC used to be a social worker at DMAS (Ministry of Women and Social Action), and then thanks to ICDP's ongoing

support, she decided to finish her studies in Pedagoqy, which eventually led her to assume her teaching position at that Ministry Training Institute.



A strong partnership has gradually developed with ARES (Association for Rebuilding Social Hope). The ARES area of influence is the Zimpeto community where the ICDP sensitization activities, such as the training seminars, the follow-up workshops and the field work, were developed by a local ICDP trainer. Since 2010 a fruitful cooperation started to develop between ICDP, ARES and the Ministry of Education. The Ministry has been supporting the expansion of ICDP to school teachers and to the school children's families and the plan is to gradually expand to schools all over the country. The process has been delayed due to country's bureaucracy.

ICDP Mozambique celebrates its first National Trainers



ICDP diplomas were recently issued to four new National Trainers.

Photo on left:

Country representative, Santana Momade giving a speech at the certification ceremony at the ICDP Mozambique headquarters in Maputo



National trainers receiving their diplomas



International trainer - a national trainer

NEW FACILITATORS IN MALAWI

The ICDP programme has been implemented in Malawi since year 2010, as part of the project called "Psycho-social Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children". The project is coordinated by the Norwegian Church Aid Malawi (NCA).

The Vestfold Mental Health Care Trust (PiV) is contributing funds to this project, as well as providing training in psycho-social support to social workers from two of NCA's partners in Malawi; Chisomo children's club and Alinafe community hospital.



On the 22nd March, a group of twenty proud Malawians received their certificates as ICDP facilitators!

The photo above shows the new facilitators together with the trainers during the latest workshop, when the participants reported from their self-training projects and handed in their logbooks, before receiving their diplomas as ICDP Facilitators.

COLOMBIA

NEW TRAINERS



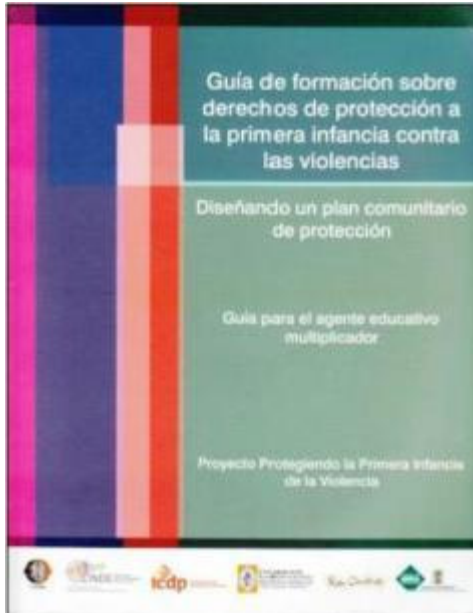
Since two years ago, a group of 18 professionals (from 3 local organizations in Medellín, namely, Fundación de Atención a la Niñez FAN, Fundación Carla Cristina y Fundación para el Bienestar Humano) have been receiving ICDP training. As part of that training they have been implementing ICDP with caregivers and also training new groups as ICDP facilitators. On the 12th of June this group of professionals completed the training and attended a ceremony to receive their ICDP trainer level diplomas. These were given out to them by their ICDP trainer and supervisor, Abel Salazar.



Three years ago, the three above mentioned organizations created an alliance, called *Somos Familia*, with the objective of improving the lives of marginalized children and their families. As part of that work, 50 community leaders were trained to become ICDP facilitators and

they started to implement ICDP with groups for parents. So far they have delivered ICDP sensitization courses to 500 families. [Click here to see the Newsletter](#) by the FAN organization, which includes an article about their work with the ICDP methodology (in Spanish).

NEW PUBLICATION IN MEDELLIN



In April, a new book was published representing the result of a successful cooperation between ICDP, IICRD (International Institute for Children’s Rights, based at Victoria University, Canada) and CINDE (International Research Institute for Human Development, based in Medellín, Colombia).

The book describes a new curriculum and a new model of working, which is focused on promoting children’s rights and working in the area of community violence prevention/protection.

The new model was tested out during 2011 in pilot projects conducted in several sites in Colombia; Medellín, Quibdo, La Tebaida and Neiva.

The ICDP programme was implemented as the first module in the pilot project delivery, whereas the curriculum described in the new book was delivered as a second module. The expected outcome of the second module is to raise awareness in families about children’s rights, mapping the risk of violence and protective factors and helping them formulate and deliver concrete action plans in their communities to increase protection for children from violence.

ICDP INSTITUTIONALIZED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SANTANDER



For the last two years, ICDP trainers have been working in the Santander department in cooperation with the Health Ministry. This year the Ministry decided to institutionalize ICDP as one of its official programs.

On the 11th of April, Yomaira Caballero, on behalf of the government of the department of Santander officially launched ICDP at a breakfast attended by representatives from ICDP, health, education and social services.

On the following day the opening was reported in the newspapers.



After the launch, the first of a series of ICDP workshops, which are planned to take place in Santander, was held for a group of 30 professionals in Socorro, led by ICDP trainer Ilaina Ramirez (photo). The Santander government logo will be put on the ICDP set of materials.

INTERVIEW ABOUT ICDP EXPERIENCES:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HojLhkKC-4>

ARGENTINA

The founders of Entrelazos began to develop programmes based on the principles of ICDP and adapted them for different at-risk communities. It gradually became clear that the theme of creativity was tightly linked to that of the quality of the bonds or connections which existed within different spheres of life: partners, family, school, handicap, work, talents and social projects. Connections and creativity mutually embrace and expand - this is expressed in the name of their organization: *entrelazos* means intertwining. Entrelazos has started a new project - to read more [click here](#).

PARAGUAY



Children having fun in the sandpit

Vida Plena Foundation is actively involved in supporting and educating children who work in the Asuncion market.

In 2008 they started a project linked to the day care facility *Centro de Apoyo para Niños del Abasto*, situated close to the market in the Abasto area.

At the day care, the trainer Elisabeth and her team run ICDP courses for the market children's mothers throughout the year. During the first half hour of the meetings, the participant mothers are taught different handicrafts; a popular one is crochet. The idea is to help them top up their income in addition to offering ICDP.

Elisabeth sent us [the following story](#).

BRAZIL: ICDP AND SAVE THE CHILDREN UK

Save the Children UK invited ICDP to participate in the implementation of a comprehensive early childhood development model in Pernambuco, the Semi-Arid Region of Brazil. This work is ongoing since 2010 and it involve working with local partners. The project is mobilizing governmental and non-state actors to promote, defend and guarantee the rights of young children contributing to the capacity of families to care for their children. These actions focused on capacity-building of public health promoters, social assistance workers and teachers who directly serve children and these professionals are now better able to identify cases of malnutrition, early childhood diseases, and situations of violence, as well as orienting families in their relationships with children. Teachers are changing practices and modifying the curricula to focus on childhood, reading time, healthy nutrition and a culture of peace and human rights within the school.



Training of parents, guardians and community leaders who were engaged in the Maternal-Infant Care Programme, addressing early childhood development (focusing on the ICDP methodology and Nutritional Education), reached 15,000 beneficiaries in 34 municipalities.

The ICDP experience in Pernambuco has affirmed the ICDP methodology's adaptability, including in indigenous and Quilombola communities. In these communities families were sensitized in the interaction between adults and children through the application of ICDP.

As a result parents are now seeking alternative forms of discipline to physical punishment which is prevalent in the local culture. Families have also increased their ability to provide better nutrition to children, to prevent and be more responsive to the signs of the prevalent childhood diseases.

Since May 2011, in partnership with the Mother Owl Programme, nineteen ICDP Clubs were formed consisting of 177 professionals involved in the application of the ICDP methodology. The ICDP-trained professionals hold monthly meetings to share results from their work with families, answering each other's questions on the methodology and increasing their ability to implement ICDP with 3,500 families, while continuing to target new families. Monitoring of behavioural change among these professionals was conducted monthly through the ICDP clubs.

ICDP enabled relations between adults and children to take on new meaning and dynamics, especially making it possible for vulnerable mothers in the Semi-Arid Region to better care for their children, even in the face of adversity. Trained professionals have benefited from effective interactions with families; they are more secure in orienting mothers on the psychosocial and nutritional status of children as well as orienting families on the protection of small children.

The project is conducting a behavioural-change research to qualitatively assess the impact of practices and attitudes in service delivery. In order to expand the training to fathers, mothers and guardians in the areas of protection, education, health and nutrition, the project is preparing informative material on all of these themes for use by the families.

REPORT FROM EL SALVADOR

The ICDP programme was incorporated by UNICEF El Salvador in 2006, as part of its strategies to prevent violence in families. Various national partners became responsible for the implementation. The aim was to strengthen the responsibility of parents and family capacities to provide comprehensive care to their children, especially during early childhood, emphasizing parenting practices and better interaction to prevent violence in the family and society in the long term. Criteria used for the selection of areas where ICDP was implemented were levels of poverty, violence and child abuse. The project was adopted and coordinated by the Salvadoran Institute for the Development of Children and Adolescents (ISNA). Apart from ISNA, ICDP was implemented by a number of other institutions including: the Ministry of Education (MINED), Ministry of Health (MINSAL), municipalities (San Marcos, Acajutla, San Salvador, Izalco, and others), CIDEP, Intervida, FUSAL, ADOI, FAO, UNDP, SOS Village, REINSAL, (which brings together over 50 organizations). These institutions applied the ICDP methodology through their network and staff, including teachers, social workers and community educators who work with caregivers, children and families. In addition to ICDP the staff received training on gender equity, self-esteem and management of critical situations.



The project trained around 800 technical staff as ICDP trainers, 1700 agents as ICDP facilitators, thereby reaching 21.700 families in 80 municipalities. The ICDP approach is in line with the Public Policy on Early Childhood Care and Education in El Salvador. ISNA institutionalized the ICDP methodology and continues to coordinate efforts to spread it across the country. There is an overall great commitment for ICDP.

ICDP YOUTH TO YOUTH

From Luciana Aristizabal, a young Colombian facilitator: The new project is with young people from Colegio Amor Foundation in Soacha, Bogotá. The school previously worked with ICDP and youth, winning awards from the local mayor. The new group is made up of 10 young people aged 15-17 years. Through ICDP they started to share and show their emotions, talk about personal problems and life expectations. It is turning out to be an exciting project. In one of the latest sessions the group evaluated the quality of relationships with their own parents; for most these are fraught with difficulties. It is the beginning of a new project and with it new expectations for growth, learning, discovery and action.

JAPAN WELCOMES ICDP

Important steps have been undertaken for the development of ICDP in Japan and the driving force behind these efforts is Dr Hitoshi Maeshima. Since Hitoshi contacted ICDP two years ago, he has been working incessantly on bringing ICDP to his country. His efforts included studying the ICDP material, translating key documents into Japanese as well as contacting and informing about ICDP's different groups and networks in Tokyo. In March 2012 Hitoshi and his colleague Setsuko Kobayashi attended an ICDP training workshop in England, which was held by one of the founders and they will both be returning to England in September for the follow up training.



In order to answer Hitoshi's request, ICDP contacted colleagues in Denmark who have a personal link with Japan and it was agreed for them to travel to Tokyo to start the training in June 2012. They held the first training workshop for a group of 20 professionals invited by Hitoshi (see photo on the left). The ICDP methodology was well received by our Japanese colleagues both at the workshop in England and the workshop in Tokyo.

INDIA



Thanks to the work of Professor Karl-Peter Hubbertz the ICDP programme spread to families and caregivers in many villages in West Bengal. He was assisted by Mrs Maria Chaterjee. [Click here](#) to read Maria's brief account of her ICDP involvement and her work with parent groups, teachers and caregivers in the "Lake Gardens Women & Children Development Centre".

In his paper "[Child Poverty in India. Chances through Social Work and Parenting Programs](#)", Karl-Peter is discussing the relevance of the work of ICDP in the context of poverty.

ICDP STARTS IN USA

ICDP pilot in West Pullman, Chicago

ICDP has developed cooperation with Kimberly Svevo-Cianci, President of the Changing Children's World Foundation (CCWF) working together on introducing ICDP to USA.

CCWF envisions a world where every child has a positive beginning, including a caring family, welfare and basic needs for an adequate standard of living, health and security, and where every child's hopes for the future may be realized through rights, education, development and spiritual fulfillment. CCWF's mandate is to serve non-for-profit organizations, governmental agencies, professionals and caregivers who promote and implement child protection from violence policies, programs, and research based on international best practices.

Kimberly explains: -The integrated model of ICDP within the Community/Child Development & Violence Prevention (CCDevVP) Program will be a cornerstone of my organization's work - and, with continued adaptation for specific communities - we will work to expand its dissemination and support to communities in the state, nation and internationally.

An ICDP pilot project is currently taking place in the West Pullman community in Chicago, where a group of professionals are being trained to deliver the ICDP programme to different groups of caregivers in their community.



West Pullman was selected as the first pilot community because:

- A relationship of trust existed between Kimberly and the leaders in the Community/St. Titus Church, who recognized a high need for community/child development and violence prevention, and needed help to address these issues. An initial community meeting indicated that community leaders and church members would engage and commit to implementing the program;

- High levels of violence: In 2007, West Pullman ranked 2nd in Chicago communities in robberies (266 counts) and homicides in the 1st and 2nd degree with 7 in total. In the past year, the Chicago Police Department reported 1,341 crimes committed in the area.

- The main Elementary school is under probation and considered to have the lowest academic standing (Level 3).
- The average household income was about \$66,993, 2-3 years ago, and is certainly lower today. Unemployment is high in the area, which is also home to a large amount of toxic waste.
- The largest student population is African American.

ICDP ARTICLE IN AMERICAN JOURNAL

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