

Update from ICDP trainer, Luis Fernando Lopez Cardozo

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In recent months I have been involved in different activities, under the supervision of Carmen Lucia, chair of ICDP Colombia. These awareness raising activities and training work in Cimitarra was done through the Secretary of Health of Santander, the Municipal Mayor's Office of Cimitarra and the San Juan de Cimitarra State Social Enterprise:

WORKSHOP IN CIMITARRA

I was invited by the municipality of Cimitarra Santander, to run a workshop and to speak about mental health and parenting programmes. This municipality is working with specific population groups such as blacks, Afro-Colombians, Raizals and Palenquearos (NARP population).



On this occasion I was able to refer to the ICDP Programme, describing our work through the application of the various aspects of ICDP, from empathy and affective attunement, to

its relevance for the rights of children and adolescents, cultural diversity and care networks.

We explored management and governance issues, as well as government and public policies, in relation to children, adolescents and family strengthening for the promotion of good treatment and the prevention of violence against children. This, from the framework of the municipal social policy.

COMMUNITY WORK IN CIMITARRA

Work done based on ICDP methodology, the programme “I Am a Person” in the communities, including health and education institutions that protect children and adolescents in the municipality of Cimitarra.



The ICDP methodology was disseminated to the different social actors and an exercise was carried out with different cultural groups, with black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal and Palanquero communities.

ICDP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BOYACA

In the territories of the department of Boyacá, I offered support to psychologists who are currently involved in mental health programmes. They were all trained in the ICDP programme and through its applications they focused on promoting good treatment.



I trained a group of 30 new psychologist in the ICDP programme, who will strengthen the ICDP strategy in 30 municipalities, both in rural and urban areas.