

Groups and Communities Component of an Integrated Community Development and Child Welfare Model of Practice

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Training Session 1 introduces the methods and practice of an Integrated Community Development and Child Welfare Model of Practice. The training emphasizes the knowledge and practical skills of small group and community practice to improve the lives of at-risk children and families. The principles associated with Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) are presented as a means of building the capacity of communities from strengths-based and assets-based perspectives. Participants are guided through a variety of practical exercises that will give them hands-on experience in leading small groups, and working with local associations and community members. Trainees will be introduced to community development and child welfare in the Ethiopian context through site visits to organizations exhibiting best practices in these two areas. At the end of Training Session 1, participants will work in groups to plan and carry out a Community Assessment project that take into account the skills and assets of individuals, small groups, and associations. This assignment will give trainees the opportunity to practice small group and community skills in their work with impoverished communities.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
Main topic	Overview of CD-CW Training	Theory and Practice in Small Groups	Best Practices in Child Welfare	Leadership, Problem Solving, and Asset Based Community Development	Asset Based Community Development	Best Practices in Community Development	Asset based Community Development and Child Welfare	Community Assessment, Planning, & Evaluation	Closing
Morning	Registration and Orientation What is CD-CW Training? Instruction on Individual Portfolios	Theory and Practice in Small Groups	Field Visit: Ethio-Child Focused Association in Adama	Leadership in Small Groups Conflict Mediation in Small Groups Role Plays	Asset Based Community Development in Practice ABCD in Action - DVD	Field Visit: Cheshire Services Ethiopia	Gedam Sefer Community University Partnership Gedam Sefer Children's Theatre Club	Community Assessment: Examples and Models Planning for Community Assessment	Breakfast Training Session Ends
Break									
Afternoon	Small Group Skills Small Group Exercise: Brainstorming	Essential Skills in Small Groups Role Play	Field Visit: Ethio-Child Focused Assoc. in Adama	Defining Community Asset Based Community Development: Principles	Asset Based Community Development in Practice ABCD in Action - DVD	Field Visit: Cheshire Services Ethiopia	Discussion of Gedam Children's Theatre Club ABCD in Action - DVD	Present and critique plans for Community Assessment Wrap-up and evaluation	
Evening			Leadership Skills					Celebration and Party	

Goal: To further the understanding of, and capacities to strengthen child protection through skill development in small groups and community assessment.

Objectives:

- Introduce and orient trainees to the Integrated Community Development and Child Welfare Training, and teach the core elements of the Individual Learning Portfolio (Day 1)
- Teach the theory and practice of small groups, including leadership, problem solving, and conflict mediation (Days 1, 2, and 4)
- Understand models of “best practice” in Ethiopia in areas of child welfare and community development systems (Days 3 and 6)
- Present the principles and practice of Asset Based Community Development (Days 4, 5, and 7)
- Present methods of Community Assessment, and develop a plan for carrying out the group based assignment with small groups and communities Day 8)
- Evaluate the training program (Day 8)