

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

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Training Session 3 uses the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child as frameworks to examine child welfare practice in Ethiopia. The contexts for child welfare services will be child developmental stages, trauma-informed practice, and family and community development. Trainees will examine child welfare services in the Ethiopian context through site visits to organizations exhibiting best practices in this area, and identify gaps in those services. Participants will be trained in trauma-influenced practice which identifies traumatic experiences and their effect on children’s well-being. Through early recognition, response, and an understanding of resilience in children, participants will learn effective ways to minimize the short and long term effects of the trauma. Participants will learn how to integrate child welfare practice and community development principles to start up community-based programs, and use community and family assets, to meet children’s needs within the community and family contexts. Participants will be expected to be able to develop community-based, family-oriented child welfare programs that begin to fill in the gaps in child welfare services in the communities in which they work.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
Main topic	Transition from Session 2 to Session 3	UNCRC and ACRWC as Frameworks for Child Welfare Practice	Child Developmental Stages	Current Child Welfare Practice in Ethiopia	Child Welfare Practice in Ethiopia	Child Welfare in Community Settings Training on Trauma	Trauma-Focused Practice Training	Trauma-Focused Practice & Child Welfare	Closing
Morning	Introductions Presentation of Family-Based Community Development Assignment 2 Results	Presentation of crosswalk of UNCRC, ACRWC and Ethiopian Law	Theory of stages of child development and wellbeing	Field Visit: Government Orphanage	Field Visit: SOS Training Center	Presentation by an adult who went through the Child Welfare System	Trauma-Focused Practice Training	Trauma-Focused Practice Training Distribute Assignment	Breakfast Training Session Ends
Break									
Afternoon	Presentation of Family-Based Community Development Assignment 2 Results Integration of Child Welfare Practice with ABCD & FBCD	Review Ethiopia's 5-year report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child compared to actual practice and Committee's Response	Presentation by leaders of Awra Amba Community Application of theory to children's experiences in Ethiopia	Field Visit: NGO Orphanage	AIDS Orphan Association	Introduction and overview of Trauma-Focused Practice Training	Trauma-Focused Practice Training	Principles of Child Welfare in Community Settings Wrap-up and evaluation	
Evening	Review UNCRC and ACRWC							Celebration and Party	

Goals: Present child welfare practice and principles under the framework of UNCRC and ACRWC in a community development context

Objectives:

- Review Family-Based Community Development Projects and integrate with child welfare practice (Day 1)
- Describe and review crosswalks between UNCRC, ACRWC and Ethiopian law and implications for child welfare practice (Day 2)
- Understand principles of child development and how their corresponding needs are met in the Ethiopian context (Day 3)
- Current child welfare practice in Ethiopia (Days 4, 5, and 6)
- Teach the basic principles of Trauma-Informed Practice in child welfare (Days 6, 7 and 8)
- Synthesize ABCD, FBCD and Child Welfare Practice into a coherent concept and assignment to implement a community-based child welfare program (Day 8)
- Evaluate the training program (Day 8)