

Curriculum Vitae

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1. Academic Degree

PhD, Tbilisi State University, 2003

2. Work Experience

2022 – Early education expert, preparation of the report and recommendations on the issues related to the early inclusive education for the Parliament of Georgia - NDI
2020-till today, Early education expert at the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia
2019-till today Head of the Child development Institute, Ilia State University
2017-till today, Assoc. Prof. Ilia State University, Head of Communication Speech and Language Master Program
2007 – till today, Head of Georgian Portage Association, Early Intervention service provider organization
2010-2015 - Tolerance Centre at Public Defenders Office, editor of the web-page: tolerantoba.ge
2005-2010- Tolerance Centre at Public Defenders Office, editor of a magazine “Solidaroba”
2002-2005 - Newspaper “24 Saati”, Journalist
1994-2002 - Lab Assistant, Tbilisi State University, faculty of classical philology

3. Projects

2022 – Researcher in the World Bank funded project – Diagnostic study of early and preschool education in Georgia.
2019-2021 – Education expert, “Promoting Tolerance in Schools”, Preparation of training modules and resources for teachers to promote tolerant values, inclusiveness and non-discrimination in schools, - The Embassy of Netherlands.
2016-2020 – Education expert; “Enhancement of Preschool Inclusive Education in Georgia” (OSI);
2016 – 2019, Director of ERASMUS + project, ABC Assisting Better Communication – Preparation of the Master’s Program in Communication, Speech and Language Therapy
2013-2015 – Project director “Development of Speech and Language Therapy Profession in Georgia”, (OSF)
2013-2016 - Project Director , “Multidisciplinary Team in Provision of Preschool Inclusive Education” (OSI);

2013-2015 - Project Coordinator “Setting-up of Early development program in Lagodekhi” – (SSK-Action Mensch);

2011-2012 - Project Director, “Equal opportunities for preschool children – Lagodekhi, Lanchkhuti, Gori, Batumi” – (UNICEF);

2010-2012 - Project Director, “Towards Making High-Quality Kindergartens in Tbilisi” – (Ilia State University Preschool Centre – UNICEF);

2010-2011 - Project Manager “Protection of Child’s rights for Pre-school Education” – (Embassy of Netherlands),

2010 – 2011- Project manager and co-author, “Special lessons for Special Children” – resources for school teachers in inclusive education (Open Society Georgia);

2009 – 2010- Project director, “Piloting Inclusive Education in Tbilisi 12 Kindergartens” –(UNICEF);

2006-2007- “Setting Up Early Intervention Program In Georgia” (Portage – LPA, Open Society Georgian British Embassy, ACTS Georgia);

2006-2007 - Project manager, “De-stigmatization of Down-syndrome” (Association “OUR CHILDREN” – GIP).

4. List of Publications

1. Parents’ Manual Recommendations for Parents of 0-6 Years Old Children, Ministry of Education and Science, Tbilisi 2021.
2. Reader “Supporting Early Communication in Kindergarten Settings”, 2019.
3. Early Inclusive Education, Comprehensive Manual (in three volumes) for Practitioners, Ilia State University Press, Tbilisi, 2018
4. Communication, Language and Speech, Guideline for Early Education Practitioners, Ilia State University Press, Tbilisi, 2015
5. Guide-manual for Kindergarten teacher, National Center for Education Quality Development, Tbilisi, 2015
6. Curriculum based program for Kindergartens, Ilia State University Press, Tbilisi, 2011
7. Ten Special Lessons, resource guide for inclusive education Ministry of Education and Science, Tbilisi, 2010

5. Presentations at Scientific Events

2019-2021 Scientific research “Language acquisition in Georgian-speaking children”, project coordinator and research group member, funded by Basic Research National Grant.

1. 2019, May, ISSA International Conference, Early Education and Intervention, Leiden, Netherlands
2. 2018, June, European Disability Academy Congress, in Tbilisi, Pre-conference workshop facilitation on Issues of Early Intervention in Georgia
3. 2017, 4-7 October, Ghent, Belgium, International Step by Step Association and Ghent University, Towards Competent Early Childhood Systems, “Coalition for development of ECI System and preschool inclusive education in Georgia: Achievements and Challenges” Authirs: Nino Tsintsadze, Khatuna Dolidze, Rusudan Bochorishvili, (Abstract is accepted by conference committee).
4. 2017, 5-8 June, Tbilis, International workshop organized by, Open Society Foundation, Early Childhood Program, - Early Childhood Intervention and Inclusive Education Initiative
5. 2015, October, International conference organized by Ilia State University- Communication, Language and Speech – Contemporary Challenges and Georgia, overview, presented by Nino Tsintsadze

In 2018 awarded with the “Order of Honor” by the President of Georgia.