



## Khatuna Dolidze

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### Professional resume

Ph.D. in Psychology and Certified Child Life Specialist with over 20 years of experience in planning, implementing, and developing child- and family-centered approaches and psychosocial programs in pediatric settings. Author and leader of projects promoting best practices in early and inclusive education. Possesses 10 years of experience teaching various courses on child development and early education.

### Qualification and skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Child Development</li> <li>✓ Child Life/Psychosocial Program</li> <li>✓ Early Education</li> <li>✓ Curriculum and Module Development</li> <li>✓ Social and Emotional Development in Early Childhood</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Teaching and Training</li> <li>✓ Supervision</li> <li>✓ Project Management</li> </ul> |
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### Education

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| ✓ PhD in psychology            | Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia      | 2014             |
| ✓ Certification in Child Life  | Child Life Council, USA                      | 2010, 2016, 2021 |
| ✓ Internship in Child Life     | Cook Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, USA    | 2008             |
| ✓ Masters degree in psychology | Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University | 1992             |

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| Associate Professor,<br>Head of the Center for Early and Inclusive Education<br>Child Development Institute<br>Ilia State University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lead and oversee the BA program – Early Childhood, Development and Education</li> <li>✓ Teach the courses: Child Development from Birth through Eight; Social Emotional</li> </ul> | 2011 – Today |
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|  | <p>Competences in Preschool Years; Observation and Assessment in Preschool;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Create and direct in-service training program - "The Child Care and Development in Preschool".</li> <li>ü Coordinated the project "Towards Making HighQuality Kindergartens in Tbilisi". In the Scope of this project the new weekly-based curriculum was developed.</li> <li>✓ Author and trainer in the project "Support Farther Development of Preschool Inclusive Education in Tbilisi" (supported by Open Society Foundation).</li> <li>✓ Researcher and trainer in project</li> <li>✓ "Multidisciplinary Team in Provision of Inclusive Preschool Education" (supported by Open Society Foundation).</li> </ul> |                    |
| <p><b>Council Member</b><br/>National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement</p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Authorization of ECE centers.</li> </ul>  | 2023, Today        |
| <p><b>Consultant/expert</b><br/>The Ministry of Education, Science, Sport and Culture,</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Support implementation of early education curriculum</li> <li>✓ Develop the national curriculum of early education, for the children of 2-5-years old</li> <li>✓ Develop the national curriculum of early education for mixed age groups.</li> </ul>  | 2021 March - Today |
| <p><b>Trainer</b><br/>National Center for Teacher Professional Development</p>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide trainings to early educators in scope of 'Caregiver-pedagogue module'.</li> </ul>   | 2018, Oct - Today  |
| <p><b>Expert</b><br/>National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement</p>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü Within the framework of the agreement signed between the Center and the United Nations Children's Fund, in the project - "Promoting the implementation of the law on early and preschool education and state standards, creating an authorization system for early education and education institutions at the national level": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ creation self-assessment questionnaires for authorization;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | 2022, Sept - Today |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ create a guide for authorization standards;</li> <li>✓ Prepare/conduct training module for curriculum experts</li> <li>✓ Development of Early education program benchmarks for High Education Institutions</li> </ul>   |                            |
| <b>Curriculum Expert</b><br>San Diego State University                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Development/Revision of Early Education Curriculum and Creation/Implementation of Professional Development Modules in the Early Education Quality Enhancement Project.</li> </ul>   | 2022, Sept.- Today         |
| <b>Head of psycho social service</b><br>Jo Ann Medical Center                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü Developed first Child Life program (pediatric psychosocial service) in Georgia. This program is included in CLC Directory of Child Life Programs for 2006</li> <li>✓ (<a href="http://www.childlife.org/Books_Store/merch_pub.htm">www.childlife.org/Books_Store/merch_pub.htm</a>)</li> <li>ü Conduct program activities: preparation for treatment and procedures, patient advocacy, support during procedures, developmental and therapeutic play, health education</li> </ul> | 1996, Oct - 2021           |
| <b>Consultant</b><br>Ministry of Education and Science                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Develop Early Education Curriculums for 2- to 5 and mixed age groups.</li> </ul>  | 2019 – 2020                |
| <b>Council Member</b><br>National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Create the Benchmarks of Early Education BA programs</li> </ul>   | 2018 - 2020                |
| <b>Project Director</b><br>Ilia State University                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ü ASPIRE project - TEMPUS Promoting and developing inclusive education, social integration and non-discrimination treatment of those with special needs in higher education.</li> </ul>   | Sept, 2012- Oct, 2015      |
| <b>Consultant</b><br>National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Development of modules for vocational education of preschool caregivers.</li> <li>✓ Write the handbook for students</li> </ul>  | June, 2015 – October, 2015 |
| <b>Volunteer/Trainer</b><br>Standish Foundation for Children                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Volunteering in Augusta Victoria Hospital (Jerusalem, Israel) to establish child friendly health care service.</li> <li>✓ Provide Trainings to hospital staff on patient and family centered care principles.</li> </ul>  | 2015, Short visits         |

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| <b>National Consultant</b><br>UNICEF                           | Create National Service Standards of Preschool Education in Georgia  | 2014, August – 2014, December  |
| <b>Project Director/Author</b><br>Iashvili Children's Hospital | ü Hospital School Program for Long-term Hospitalized Children<br>Supported by OSGF   | 2014, January – 2014, December |
| <b>Project Director/Author</b><br>Iashvili Children's Hospital | ü Develop and implement the psychosocial program for children with Leukemia and their families.<br>Supported by OSGF   | 2013, January – 2013, December |
| <b>Project Director/Author</b><br>Children's New Clinic        | ✓ Project: Psychosocial Service for Hospitalized Children<br>Supported by Arbiter Samaritan Bund ü Develop and implement the psychosocial program for hospitalized children and their families.<br><br>✓ Coordinate the work of psychologists and volunteers.<br><br>Provide in-service seminars to hospital staff | 2010 - 2013                    |
| <b>Project Author and Coordinator</b><br>Ilia State University | Developed training program in "Communication skills for health Care professionals". Created 11 days training program on effective communication for physicians and nurses<br><br>Supported by Open Society Foundation  | 2008-2009                      |
| <b>Research Assistant</b><br>I. Javakhishvili State University | INTAS project: Ethical Conflicts in Medicine.<br>Conducted research: Ethical Conflicts in Medicine in Georgia. A cross-cultural Comparison of Norms and Attitudes  | 1999-2001                      |
| <b>Research Teacher</b><br>I. Javakhishvili State University   | TEMPUS project: Development of Health Psychology Curriculum in Georgia.<br><br>Prepared following topics in health psychology curriculum: child health psychology; patient-doctor relationship;  | 1997-1999                      |
| <b>Memberships &amp; Affiliations</b>                          |  |                                |

- ✓ Georgian Association for the Care of Children's Health
- ✓ Standish Foundation for Children. Advisory Member
- ✓ International Step by Step Association

## Publications

### Articles and chapters:

- ✓ Rogers, M., Dovigo, F., Doan, L. K., Dolidze, K., & Rasmussen, A. M. (2024). Impact of neoliberal-inspired policies on educators' professional identity in five countries: Visions for a better future. In *Supporting Early Childhood Practice Through Difficult Times* (pp. 70-82). Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003471172-10/impact-neoliberal-inspired-policies-educators-professional-identity-five-countries-marg-rogers-fabio-dovigo-laura-doan-khatuna-dolidze-astrid-mus-rasmussen>
- ✓ Rogers, M., Dolidze, K., Mus Rasmussen, A., Dovigo, F., & Doan, L. (2024). Impacts of managerial systems on early educators' job satisfaction in five countries. *Issues in Educational Research*, 34(1), 219-234. <http://www.iier.org.au/iier34/rogers.pdf>
- ✓ Supporting young children's social emotional competence in the Republic of Georgia: a focus group study, E.A. Steed, Kh. Dolidze, N. Kukhaleishvili & L. Kurtsikidze, 2023, *Early Child Development and Care*, DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2023.2199158
- ✓ Inclusive Early Education in Georgia, Kh. Dolidze, Nino Tsintsadze, July 2021, case study in UNESCO report 'Inclusive Early Childhood Care and Education: From Commitment to Action!'
- ✓ Five Reasons Why Pediatric Settings Should Integrate the Play Specialist and Five Issues in Practice, Kh.Dolidze et al., *Frontiers in Psychology*, June 2021, Volume 12, Article 687292
- ✓ 'A Coalition for the Development of and Early-childhood Intervention System and Preschool Inclusive Education in Georgia. Challenges and Achievements'. ISSA Conference, 28 September, 2017, Ghent, Belgium
- ✓ A Model of Child Life Intervention to Facilitate Effective Coping in a Child Hospitalized for Heart Surgery. Kh. Dolidze. E. Smith. K. Tchanturia (2013). *Clinical Practice* 10(5), 1. ISSN204-9038
- ✓ A Clinical Tool for Evaluation Emotional Well-being: Self-Drawings of Hospitalized Children. Kh. Dolidze, K. Tchanturia. E. Smith (2013). *Journal of Pediatric Nursing* PII: S0882-5963(13)00089-4
- ✓ Public health administration, management and policy education and training: Georgia. N. Sumbadze & Kh. Dolidze (2004) In: J. Nemeč & K. Tolo (eds). *Health Care Delivery Systems: Opportunities for the Public Management Education in Central and Eastern Europe*. NISPAcee: Bratislava

**Books:**

- ✓ Handbook for Authorization of early and preschool education centers. Co-author, 2023
- ✓ Early Education Curriculum PLAY. coauthor, 2020, Ilia State University Publishing
- ✓ Methodological handbook for 2-5 years old and mixed age groups. Part One Practical examples/scenarios for 2-5 years old and mixed age groups. Part Two
- ✓ 'Early Inclusive Education. Handbook for practitioners', coauthor, 2019, Ilia State University Publishing House  
<https://el.ge/articles/537805>  
 Part one <http://inclusion.ge/res/docs/2019012113455344911.pdf>  
 Part two <http://inclusion.ge/res/docs/2019012113462151451.pdf>  
 Part three <http://inclusion.ge/res/docs/2019012113463529321.pdf>
- ✓ 'A Coalition for the Development of and Early-childhood Intervention System and Preschool Inclusive Education in Georgia. Challenges and Achievements'. ISSA Conference, 28 September, 2017, Ghent, Belgium
- ✓ Handbook for Preschool Caregivers. Co-author. National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement.
- ✓ Tedo is Undergoing Cardiac Catheterization. Hi, I am Tedo. Author, JAMC, 2015  
 Activity and coloring book about the cardiac catheterization for children and their families.
- ✓ The Guidelines for Developing Child Life Programs in Pediatric Health Care Settings, Translator, 2014.
- ✓ The Activity Book for Preschool. Co-author, 2012 Compiled daily thematic activities for preschool caregivers.
- ✓ Taso visits Heart Clinic. Author, JAMC, 2011  
 Activity and coloring book about the cardiac surgery, for children and families experiencing hospitalization for cardiac surgery
- ✓ Lessons for Special Kids.  
 The educational materials for teachers and activities for school age and preschoolers about 10 health conditions and problems. Co-Author, 2009
- ✓ Taso Visits Heart Doctor, Author, JAMC, 2009

Activity and coloring book about the heart and cardiac problems, for children and their families visiting cardiologist

- ✓ Public health administration, management and policy education and training: Georgia. N. Sumbadze & Kh. Dolidze (2004) In: J. Nemeč & K. Tolo (eds). Health Care Delivery Systems: Opportunities for the Public Management Education in Central and Eastern Europe. NISPAcee: Bratislava