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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

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

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

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

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

- ✓ 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