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Professional Summary

Psychologist and certified child life specialist with more than 20 years of experience planning, developing and implementing psycho social services and child and family centered care in children's hospitals.

8 years teaching experience in child development and different courses in early childhood education.

Author of projects related to the child's well being and improvement of early childhood practice.

Creative professional with extensive project experience from concept to development.

Core Qualifications and skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Child Development ✓ Child Life ✓ Early Childhood Education ✓ Curriculum Development ✓ Social and Emotional Development in Early Years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teaching and Training ✓ Supervising ✓ Project Management ✓ Results-oriented ✓ Creative Problem Solving |
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Education

✓ PhD in psychology	Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia	2014
✓ Certification in Child Life	Child Life Council, USA	2010
✓ Internship in Child Life	Cook Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, USA	2008

	I. Javakhishvili State University, Tbilisi, Georgia	
✓ Masters degree in psychology		1992

Career History & Accomplishments		
<p>Consultant/expert</p> <p>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. 	<p>December, 2019</p> <p>December, Present</p>
<p>Associate Professor, Head of the Center for Early and Inclusive Education Child Development Institute Ilia State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teach the courses: Child Development from Birth through Eight; Social Emotional Competences in Preschool Years; Observation and Assessment in Preschool; ✓ Create and direct in-service training program - "The Child Care and Development in Preschool". ✓ 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>2011 – Present</p>

<p>Head of psycho social service Jo Ann Medical Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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 ✓ Conduct program activities: preparation for treatment and procedures, patient advocacy, support during procedures, developmental and therapeutic play, health education 	<p>1996 - Present</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Direct and provide practicum study for students. ✓ Collaborate with multidisciplinary team to develop patient friendly healthcare service. ✓ Educate medical personnel about patient's psychosocial needs. ✓ Create educational leaflets about congenital heart defects and its treatment options for patients and their families. 	
<p>Expert National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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; ✓ create a guide for authorization standards; ✓ Prepare/conduct training module for curriculum experts ✓ Development of Early education program benchmarks for High Education Institutions 	<p>Oct, 2018 - Present</p>
<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'. 	<p>Oct, 2018 - Present</p>

Project Director Ilia State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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	August, 2014 – December, 2014
Project Director/Author Iashvili Children's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hospital School Program for Long-term Hospitalized Children Supported by OSGF	Jan, 2014 – Dec, 2014
Project Director/Author Iashvili Children's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop and implement the psychosocial program for children with Leukemia and their families. Supported by OSGF	Jan, 2013 – Dec, 2013
Project Director/Author Children's New Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Project: Psychosocial Service for Hospitalized Children Supported by Arbiter Samaritan Bund ✓ Develop and implement the psychosocial program for hospitalized children and their families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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. President. Founder ✓
Standish Foundation for Children. Advisory Member

Publications & Presentations

- ✓ 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
- ✓ A Guide for Authorization for Early and Preschool Education Organizations, 2023
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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

- ✓ '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
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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

Presentations:

- ✓ 'Psycho-social Care of Hospitalized Children in Republic of Georgia', London Global Cancer Week: Celebrating the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, November 17, 2020 ✓ 'Patient and Parent Engagement in Pediatric Cancer in the Republic of Georgia', SIOP 2020 Congress ✓ 'Early Inclusive Education Handbook for Practitioners', ISSA Conference, 19 June, 2019, Leiden, Netherland ✓ '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
- ✓ The First International Conference on Early Childhood Intervention, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2016.
 ✓ Conference on Preschool Education in Georgia. New Initiatives, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2016 ✓
 Aspiring to Expand Pediatric Psychosocial Care Beyond a Hospital to System Scope
 32nd Annual Child Life Conference on Professional Issues, New Orleans, Louisiana 2014 ✓
 The Importance of Preschool Teacher Training and New Initiatives of Ilia State University.
 The First International Conference "Preschool Education in Georgia- Reality and Perspectives", Tbilisi, September 27, 2013 ✓ Prospectus of Special and Inclusive Education Courses at Ilia State University
 The First International Conference on Inclusive Education "Education System of Tomorrow", Tbilisi, Georgia. 2012 ✓ The Coping Strategies and illness/Treatment Perception of Parents of Surgical Children with Congenital Heart Defects"
 International Conference on Helping Children and Adolescents in Crisis
 Tbilisi, Georgia. 2011 ✓ The Dynamic of Body Image of Surgical Children
 The 4th Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery; Buenos Aires, Argentina. 2005 ✓
- Ethical problems in Medicine
 3rd International GABEK Symposium: Theoretical and practical relevance of GABEK results. Sterzing, Italy. 2000 ✓ Body Image of Surgical Children with CHD
 12th Conference of the European Health Psychology Society. Prevention & Intervention. Intervention; Vienna, Austria. 1998

Reference

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