

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILD WELL-BEING



World Vision
Georgia

DAY CARE CENTER (DCC)



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KEY STATISTICS

5% of children live in extreme poverty

18 child (under 1) mortality per 1,000 live births

11.3% malnutrition (stunting) among children under 5 reaches

1630 children in state care institutions



PREVENTING CHILD ABANDONMENT/SUPPORT TO REINTEGRATE FROM STATE CARE

World Vision's core purpose is to improve child wellbeing, with this in mind World Vision Georgia has developed and piloted the significant number of unique family support services as social work service, employment services, small group homes, mother and infant shelters, day care centers, support to inclusive education etc. Majority of these services are handed-over and successfully operating by the Government of Georgia.

World Vision maintains the strong position in the Field of Child Welfare through the active work on policy level and development of the range of **Family Support Services** in Tbilisi and regions with regards to Child Prevention and Reintegration.



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All Family Support Services are functioning in the frames of Memorandums of Understanding signed between Agency of Social Services, Tbilisi Mayor's office and World Vision Georgia.

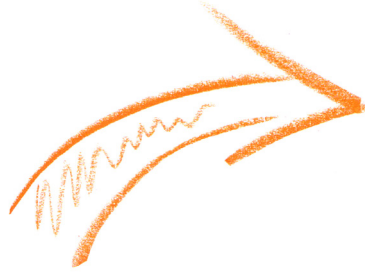
TARGET GROUPS:

- Vulnerable children who are “at risk” of abandonment and their parents/extended family members;
- Vulnerable children who are under the state care and their parents/extended family members.

PARTNERS:

- Agency of Social Services
- Ministry of Labor, Health Social Affairs
- Tbilisi Mayor's office
- Local Municipalities
- Local Business representatives
- Local and International NGOs

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Nino Mokhevishvili:

“Not only have they taken care of our baby by giving us the opportunity to leave her at their center from 9am to 9pm, but they also gave us chance to learn something. For example, my husband learned how to cook and now works for a big restaurant. I also used WorldVision’s service and had a therapy course with their psychologist. It is very hard to leave my baby girl for a whole day, but I am doing it for her future welfare...”

DAY CARE CENTER (DCC) FOR VULNERABLE INFANTS/TODDLERS FROM 6 UP TO 30 MONTHS

Day Care Center for socially vulnerable infants/toddlers, established in 2011, is functioning like kindergarten, service is unique with its prolonged working hours, from 9AM till 9 PM and age of enrolled children. At the same time serves 25 kids.

The center allows vulnerable parents who lack extended family support to leave children in quality care while they pursue income generating activities.

The space for the center is allocated by Tbilisi Mayor's office on the territory of the state kindergarten #107, in one of Tbilisi suburbs, Gldani District.

DCC was renovated, fully equipped and financed for two years by World Vision Georgia.

Starting from January, 2014, as a result of successful collaboration and advocacy work, the Mayor's office started to fully finance DCC operations: staff salaries, food, hygienic, utilities and maintenance.

Currently the Day Care Center is functioning under the WV Georgia supervision.



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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR THE SOCIALLY VULNERABLE MOTHERS/THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

The main purpose of this service is to improve the social-economic conditions and ensure sustained financial independency of the vulnerable beneficiaries, respectively the service offers the most inclusive and comprehensive income generation activities, as:

- Employment counselling;
- Job placement;
- Vocational trainings;
- Support in micro business development;
- Basic business trainings.

Nino Pachuashvili:

“I am mother of 4 children, socially vulnerable. The support that I have received from World Vision was unbelievable for me. They offered free day care service for my 1.7 month old girl, free baby food and diapers. This means that I can work from morning till evening and financially support my family. World Vision has also offered me vocational trainings in manicure-pedicure classes. I am happy because World Vision gave me a second chance.”



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This service aims to equip vulnerable beneficiaries with parental skills and resources necessary to provide care for their young children.

The training sessions cover the following issues:

- Early childhood development;
- Breastfeeding;
- Healthy lifestyle including family planning, HIV/AIDS,STIs;
- Personal hygiene;
- First aid and identification of the danger signs of common illnesses and methods of appropriate home care;
- Immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases.

All served beneficiaries are provided with reader friendly materials and gifted with **Special Baby Care Kit**, which helps them to apply the knowledge gained through these consultations in everyday life.



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This service aims to prevent abandonment of children through provision of:

- Basic Food and Hygienic Pack/Diapers

OR

- Baby Formula/Diapers

The service is fully committed to support gatekeeping process, as addresses the basic needs of

the most vulnerable children and supports their families to overcome short-term crisis.

Duration of assistance is maximum for 3 months.



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Aims to support reintegration of children under the state care with biological families through provision of different type of assistance:

- Food and Hygienic/Diapers
- Furniture
- Household items
- Heating Supplies
- Renovation / Repair
- Rent Fee

The main purpose of this service is to ensure sustainability of reintegration and support biological families to create safe and child friendly environment in their leaving spaces.





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Aims to support the psychosocial development of the socially vulnerable beneficiaries

- Assess all beneficiaries with the specially designed assessment tool;
- Conduct psychological counselling;
- Actively participate in development of individual service plans.

Psychologist' recommendations for every single beneficiary are discussed with state social workers and considered during elaboration of intervention plans.





ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Organization has close collaborative relations with the Government of Georgia and other key stakeholders with a view to ensure effective system changes in the field of Child Welfare through various awareness rising and advocacy activities.

- MoUs on collaboration with main stakeholders;
- Meetings & presentations with the relevant stakeholders to rise their awareness on the Family support services and ongoing Child Welfare Reform;
- Permanent Membership with voting authority in State Child Care & Guardianship Panel;
- Membership in in the Special Commission for the state subprogram: Families in Crisis;
- Active participation in different Working Groups to support development of Child Welfare System in country.
- Printing and distribution of promotional materials.



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