

## ICA CHILE REPORT 2018-2019

This last year 2018-2019, ICA Chile worked with the Teletón Children's Rehabilitation Institute of Santiago. We trained 16 leaders of the Institute with TOP methods. They are the professionals in charge of the various Institutional areas. This work has been very relevant for us, as we could see the Medical Director of the Santiago Institute, Dr. Cristián Saavedra, using the ICA ToP methods with the Institute's professionals. Pamela Miranda and Gerd Luders made a very good adaptation of the Spanish Manual for the training work with the 16 professionals.

The ICA CHILE team also supported a General Gathering of ex-patients from the Teletón Children's Rehabilitation Institute, in Santiago and Valparaíso. During these sessions, the former patients were informed about the new Labor Inclusion Law for people with disabilities. In addition, five simultaneous ToP Consensus Workshops were carried out, with groups of ex-patients, sometimes with their parents or caretakers. Some ex-patients, who had participated in ICA Chile training programs in the past, were the facilitators for these groups. ICA Chile facilitators collaborated in preparing procedures, coordination and implementation. This was the first time ever, that former patients were the main actors, while their medical and therapeutical professionals were the spectators. They were so surprised seeing their former patients, now exchanging ideas, reflecting and creating strategies for their future, during a Consensus Workshop with Focus Question **"How can we support others within Teletón and Companies?"**

Oscar Alvarez, a member of the ICA Chile Board of Directors, and ex-patient of the Santiago Rehabilitation Institute, presented the remarkable testimony of his own life in front of all participants of the Gathering. He has managed to insert himself socially and he also obtained a job; he is a great example for Chilean society.

ICA Chile is venturing into new themes for working with communities. One of them is Risk Management during major crisis or disasters, focused on people with disabilities. For this, ICA Chile facilitated a pilot project, with members of the Community Disability Council in Lampa, north of Santiago. Recently, we established an alliance with Inclusiva NGO, to implement a participative Risk Management project within 62 Communes in the Metropolitan Region of Santiago. Funds for implementation are currently being sought.

An alliance has also been established with the GFSC NGO (Global Facilitators Serving Communities), to work together on Emotional Recovery in the face of major Crisis and Disasters.

On the other hand, work has also begun on the Prevention of Domestic Violence. A project was carried out with the Municipality of Copiapó in Northern Chile in 2018. This work was carried out by Isabel de la Maza together with Anita Christensen.

ICA Chile continues the work of supporting the different Community Councils for People with disabilities in Chile. Our organization participated in the National Meeting for people with disabilities in Villarrica Chile, in October 2018. ICA Chile is currently collaborating in organizing the next meeting to be held in Calama Chile in 2020. These events will allow developing information for training and visualizing the country's future challenges for people with disabilities in terms of laws, public policies, universal accessibility across the country, access to work and to public transportation.

The ICA Chile team has defined Gerd Luders as its representative for ICA International, who is Vice President for the Americas of ICAI.