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### Professional activity

**Project manager/ Trainer/ Expert and Consultant in social issues/ Special Education Teacher**

### Work Experience

2017- till today Georgian Down Syndrome Association (GDSA) / **Head of Board**

2014-till today Social Enterprise “Babale” / **Director**

**Member of:** //

2022- Ongoing Government of Georgia **The Advisory Board of the Interagency Committee on the Implementation of the CRPD**

2018- 2021 Tbilisi City Hall **Consulting team of implementing the UN CRPD**

2015- 2018 Public Defender Office **Consulting team of implementing the UN CRPD**

2015: till today, Founder/Board member - **Movement for Changes** - Coalition of Parents' and People with intellectual disabilities

2015 – till today, Board member- **Movement Accessible Environment for Everyone**

2016- till today Founder/Board member - **Social Enterprise Alliance Georgia**

### Project Activities

2021- Ongoing Development of Information Center for Families of Children w Ongoing ith Down Syndrome as a state service/ **Project CEO/** Open Society – Georgia Foundation

2021-2022 Enhancing the Capacity of the Parental Organizations for Advocacy and Organization of Consultation/ Process on the Transformation of the Disability Status Determination System Response to UNICEF/ **Project CEO**

2020- Ongoing Establishment of the Supportive Methodological Approaches to the Development of Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disabilities/ **Project CEO/** Europe Foundation

2020- Ongoing Georgian Down Syndrome Association nstitutional strengthening/ **Project CEO/** Open Society – Georgia Foundation

2020- Ongoing Establishment of the Supportive Methodological Approaches to the Development of Children and Adolescents with Intellectual Disabilities / **Project CEO/** Tbilisi City Hall

2018-Ongoing Empowerment of parents with children with disabilities through the informational and psycho-emotional support / **Project CEO/** Open Society – Georgia Foundation

2018-2019 Supporting development of children and adolescents with intellectual disability/ **Project CEO/** Tbilisi City Hall

(Publishing three guidelines and distributing the guidelines for free among parents and medical specialists: 1. “Gross motor skills in children with Down Syndrome”, 2. Teaching reading skills to children with Down Syndrome. 3.“Preparation for puberty and healthy adult life”. Conducting trainings based on the guidelines for parents and medical specialists in Tbilisi)

2018-2019 Facilitating independent living for people with intellectual disabilities/ **Project CEO**

2018- Ongoing Program for development of adolescents 7+

(Adolescent development program was created with the initiative of the association, which comprises of preparing children with intellectual disabilities (age: 7+) for independent life. The pilot of the program is launched) **Project CEO**

2015- 2017 Support the establishment and operation of a group of a parental advocacy group focusing on the right s of people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in Georgia for a period of one year

“Open Society – Georgia” Foundation / Association “Our Children” / Organization of Parents of Persons with Disabilities “Movement for Changes” / **Head of Project**

2015-2016 “Develop, Polot and Implement Pre-Vocational Skills Development Methodology in the Educational System”. /Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia / Social Enterprise “Babale”/ **Project CEO**

2014-2015 Introduction of modern Down Syndrome Health Supervision Guidelines and approaches to health care personnel. / “Open Society – Georgia” Foundation / Association “Our Children”/ **Project Manager**

2014-2015 Taking Care of Early Development in Children with Disabilities Living in Orphanage / Georgian Portage Association/ Bank of Georgia Future Foundation / **Project Coordinator**

2014- Ongoing Social Enterprise “Babale”

Social enterprise was founded in 2018 by a Georgian Down Syndrome Association. One of the first spaces in Georgia, where people with intellectual and psycho-social issues enjoy working process, they have income and get used to living independently. / **Project CEO**

2011 - 2022 World Down Syndrome Day in Georgia / “Lots of Socks” Campaign

(Throughout the month of March, various activities were taking place in Tbilisi and regions, with the participation of people with Down Syndrome. “Lots of socks” campaign “took place, conference was held on the topic of employment an inclusive education of people with disabilities. 70 companies, peace corps and various executive decision makers attended the conference.)/ Georgian Down Syndrome Association / **CEO**

2014- Project “Get to Know Me”/ Exhibition of Works Made from Collaborative Work of Teenagers with Down Syndrome and Persons Responsible for Them/ Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia / The Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Diaspora Issues/ Ministry of Energy of Georgia / Association “Our Children”/ **Project Manager**

2012-2014 medical protocol for evaluation and management of Down syndrome in Primary Health Care settings – translation, adaptation, implementation. / Open Society – Georgia Foundation / Association “Our Children” / **Project Manager**

212-214 “Mobilization and Strengthening of Parents of Children with Down Syndrome” / Open Society – Georgia Foundation, UN Development Program / Association “Our Children”/ **Project Coordinator**

2012- Translating, Editing and Producing 2 Guidebooks for Parents and Professionals in Georgia / Open Society – Georgia Foundation / “Our Children” / **Project Coordinator** (Gross Motors Skills in Children with Down syndrome / Patricia C. Winders/ Teaching Reading to Children with Down Syndrome / Patricia Logan Oelwein)

## Education

**Educational background** - "Special Education Training" - Teacher's house; "Organizational Management, Advocacy, Strategic planning, Policy making, Marketing, Project Management cycle" - CTC; "Study tour - disability services, parent organizations, social services" - United States of America, State of Virginia, Washington DC; "Study Tour - Social services in disability fields" - Spain, Madrid.

**Expertise areas/ specialist knowledge** - 2015- 2018 Public Defender Office Consulting team of implementing the UN CRPD - Worked on shadow report on SRPD implementing in Georgia; 2018- till today Tbilisi City Hall Consulting team of implementing the UN CRPD - Working on Tbilisi policy document on disability issues, working on needs assessment of children with disabilities and their parents; Working on action plan 2021-2025; Ministry of Education - Member of Board in inclusive education field/inclusive education development for children with intellectual disabilities (Consultant); Parent movement empowerment in 9 regions of Georgia; Support parent to establish Parent Organizations in Regions; Consulting Georgian government in developing action plan for persons with disabilities in Georgia.

2014-2015 **Long-term Training Introductory Course for Special Education Teachers Professional Development** (Certificated)

2010 – Early intervention training. Portage, Tbilisi, Georgia / National Center for Teachers Professional Development

2012 - **Long-term Training for Art Teachers Trainers** (Certificated)

National Center for Teachers Professional Development

2005- **Master's Degree for Art Critic**

Tbilisi State Academy of Arts

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