

CHILD LIFE CENTERS

Purpose

Migration Foundation has a deep commitment to realize all child studies and projects in accordance with the principles of Convention on the Rights of the Child. Therefore, according to UN Convention on the Rights of the Child article 31 – right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural and artistic life; and encouraging the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity- Migration Foundation believes the necessity of creating suitable spaces and places for children in order to make them able to use their above-mentioned rights due to the fact that they are deprived of these rights in the existing situation.

Child Life Centers will base on the socialization and acculturation of the child, will be dedicated to provide the child's set of needs and concerns; focus on the harmonious development of the child's personality, and development of the child as a whole.

Child Life Centers aims at producing projects which fully trust in the personality, spontaneity and nature of the child. Foundation's all works intend to transform children to free, independent and self-sufficient individuals.

With the construction process of Child Life Centers Project and following proceeding, Migration Foundation will work for foundation and spread of many similar

Child Life centers

Method

Child Life Centers advocate for child-centered approach. Child-centered approach respect for the social, psychological, cultural and individual features of the child; and encourages differences. At the same time, child-centered approach considers children within the family and natural integrity, and pays attention to active participation of all relevant agencies to the process.

Workshops will be projected appropriate to the physiological and psychological nature of children; and the child will be at the center of the activities. Workshops will be organized not according to the rules, but according to the set of individual needs and concerns of the child. Therefore, the child will develop by touching to the realities and problems of life. All workshops will be conducted with the active participation of children.

Child-centered approach will ground on the recognition of diversity and difference of children, and will advocate for emphasizing these differences instead of suppression.

This approach will be based on following principles, which embrace each and every children's ideas and emotions, skills and interests as wealthiness:

- Holding accurate view of the child
- Bringing the child and the activity together
- Acting from the deep interests of the child
- Linking activity place to the life
- Making the place and all units of the place children-friendly
- Developing creative skills in the child
- Recognition of sophistication and uniqueness of the child
- Reliance on self-evaluation

Alternative implementations and methods will be used in order to actualize child-centered education;

- Multi-lingual education
- Multi-discipline learning
- Workshop-based study
- Personalized program for the child as much as possible
- Alternative evaluation

Principles and Values

Migration Foundation Child Life Centers will act by nourishing from a democratic structure which embraces the participation and motivation of children in the first place, of families, of relevant individuals and institution, of trainers, volunteers and families participated in alternative education process, and all parts of the society.

Following principles and values will be owned both in the construction and administration processes of child life centers:

- Social justice
- Freedom (of thought, of expression, of movement, of decision)
- Solidarity
- Pluralism
- Social sensibility
- Anti-violence (physical, verbal, psychological)
- Anti-discrimination (of nationality, of race, of language, of religion and belief, of gender; economic, social, physical)
- Ecological thought
- Creativeness, productiveness
- Honesty
- Self-control
- Criticism
- Awareness
- Empathy

Age Range of Children Whom Child Life Centers Work With:

As it is mentioned in Convention on the Rights of the Child, Migration Foundation accepts every human being below the age of 18 years as child. In this regard, the necessity of conducting works for all individuals between 0-18 age ranges is obvious. In the light of this necessity, Migration Foundation will primarily work with children between 6-14 age ranges; but Foundation will continue its debates on possible methods and alternatives to include all children.

Workshops Conducting in Migration Foundation Child Centers

- Play- Drama Workshop
- Art Workshop
- Peer Workshop
- Ecology Workshop
- Language Workshop
- Sport Workshop
- Photography- Video Workshop
- Music Workshop
- Model Design Workshop
- Archeology
- Gender Workshop
- Social Sciences Workshop
- Kitchen-Nutrition Workshop
- Oral History Workshop
- Literature Workshop
- Math Workshop
- Philosophy Workshop
- Rights and Freedoms Workshop
- Peace Workshop