



Putting Child and Youth Participation at the Heart of Care Reform

Launching a new manual to support practitioners

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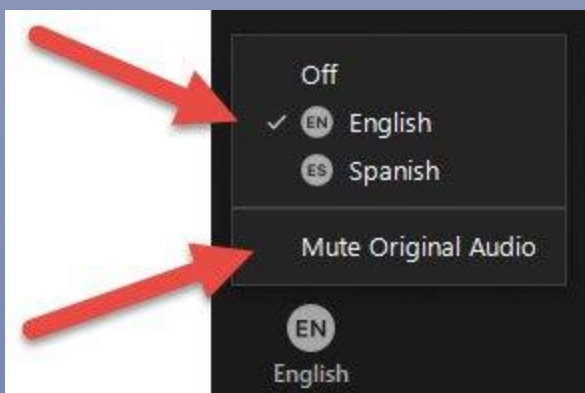


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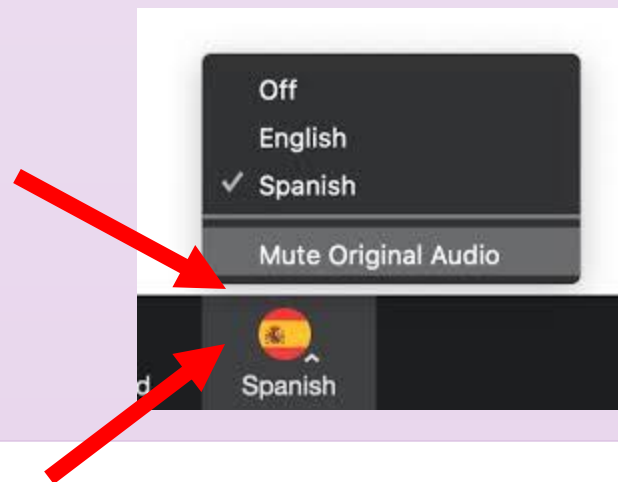
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Welcoming Statements

Beth Bradford, Technical Director, Changing The Way We Care (CTWWC)

Nancy Maguire, Child and Youth Participation Manager, Lumos

Why is child and youth participation important?

Mihaela Ivanova, Lumos Self-Advocate and Consultant

Young people's role in developing the Manual - a video message

Eliška Petrusová, Youth Advisory Board member, Czechia

Child and Youth Participation in Practice – How to involve ALL children and young people in care reform

Eugenia Godoroja, Child and Youth Participation Advisor, Lumos

Engagement of young people in the Guatemalan protection and care system

Osmín Tobar, Founding Member, United for Change, Guatemala

The Importance of Youth-led organizations

Ruth Wacuka, Children and Youth Rights Advocate, Kenya

How to make family courts more child-friendly and child-centred ? Lessons learned by professionals

Jana Zepletalova, Judge from the Judicial Academy, Czechia

Question and Answers session

Moderated by Beth Bradford, Technical Director, Changing The Way We Care

Closing Remarks

“Nothing beats experience, and certainly not the experience of young people who grew up in care. As we join other world leaders and experts to put an end to the institutionalization of children, there is no key ask greater than **“Nothing about us without us”**. Involvement and participation of children and care leavers in care reform should be at the core, not just through storytelling but all through from policy design, formulation to evaluation. **We are experts through experience – you know policy, we know practice!**”

- Ruth, Kenya

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How much?

By whom?

What?

How?

When?



Participation

Who?

**Independent
living**

What you will find in the manual

- Definitions and explanations
- Global and country case examples
- Quotes from self-advocates
- Tools, exercises and methods
- Things to consider and lessons learned
- Practical resources

Chapters

- Introduction
- Chapter 1. Working with children and young people
- Chapter 2. Child and youth participation in care reform
- Chapter 3. Keeping children and young people safe
- Chapter 4. Inclusive participation
- Chapter 5. Participatory approaches for monitoring and evaluation
- Conclusion



1. Working with children and young people

People

Roles

Ways of working

Resources

Requirements

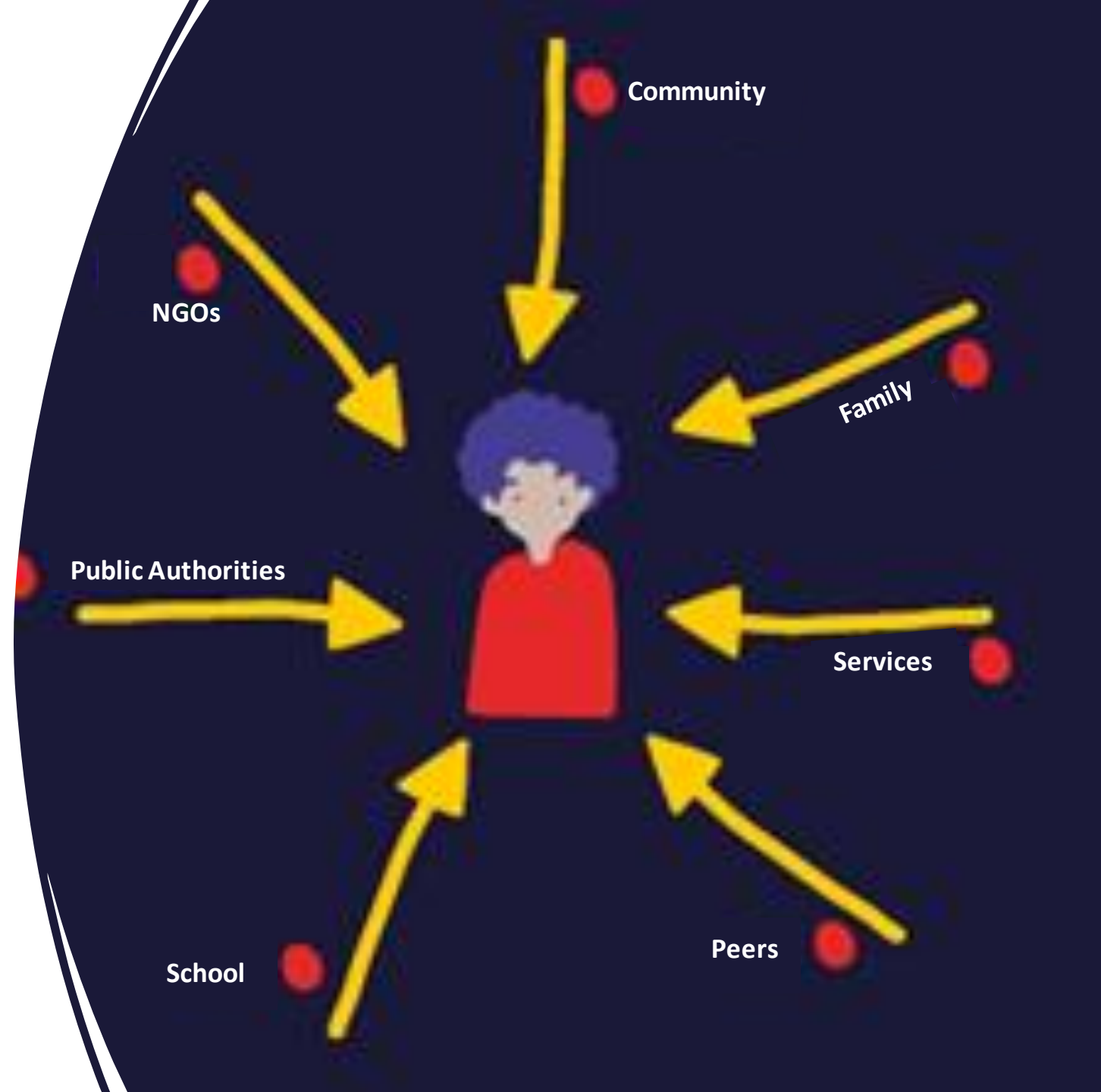
Emergency situations



2. Child and youth participation in care reform

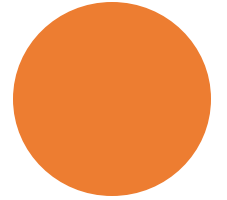
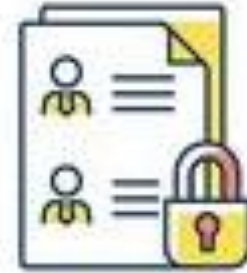
From working *for* to working *with*

- Involvement in care reform at local, national and international levels
- Individual vs group participation
- Participation in your own care or support for others



3. Keeping children and young people safe

- Child protection and safeguarding
- Practical considerations for keeping children and young people safe offline and online
- Volunteering with children and young people
- Consent
- Data protection



4. Inclusive participation

- Accessible information
- The Social Model of Disability
- Inclusive participation in care reform
- Practical ways to make participation more inclusive



5. Participatory approaches for monitoring and evaluation

- Ethical monitoring and evaluation (M&E)
- Practical tools
- M&E with self-advocates
- Analysing data





“Encourage children and young people to participate in decisions that affect their lives, don’t do this task for them; encourage them to speak up and progress daily”

Grupo de Jóvenes egresados del Sistema de Protección de Guatemala

“Unidos por el Cambio”

United for Change



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NUESTRO OBJETIVO

Apoyar y acompañar a otros jóvenes que al igual que nosotros y nosotras al llegar a los 18 años, deben dejar los hogares de abrigo y protección, sin oportunidades y herramientas para abrirse paso a una vida independiente.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To support and accompany other young people who, just like us, leave residential care in Guatemala, often without opportunities or tools to support their transition to independent living

15 de marzo 2022 Lanzamiento Público

Presentación oficial del plan de trabajo 2022, al Sistema de Protección y organizaciones vinculadas a la protección de la niñez y adolescencia guatemalteca.

El Plan fue construido a través de una metodología participativa incluyendo la experiencia y opinión de cada uno de los jóvenes que integramos el grupo.

March 15, 2022 Public Launch

Presentation to child protection actors from government and civil society

Presentation of our action plan, which was developed through participation of the youth members of "United for Change"





Ejes del plan de trabajo

1. Fortaleza de Equipo

2. Incidencia

3. Procesos formativos

4. Red de Apoyo

Area of the action plan

1. Team building

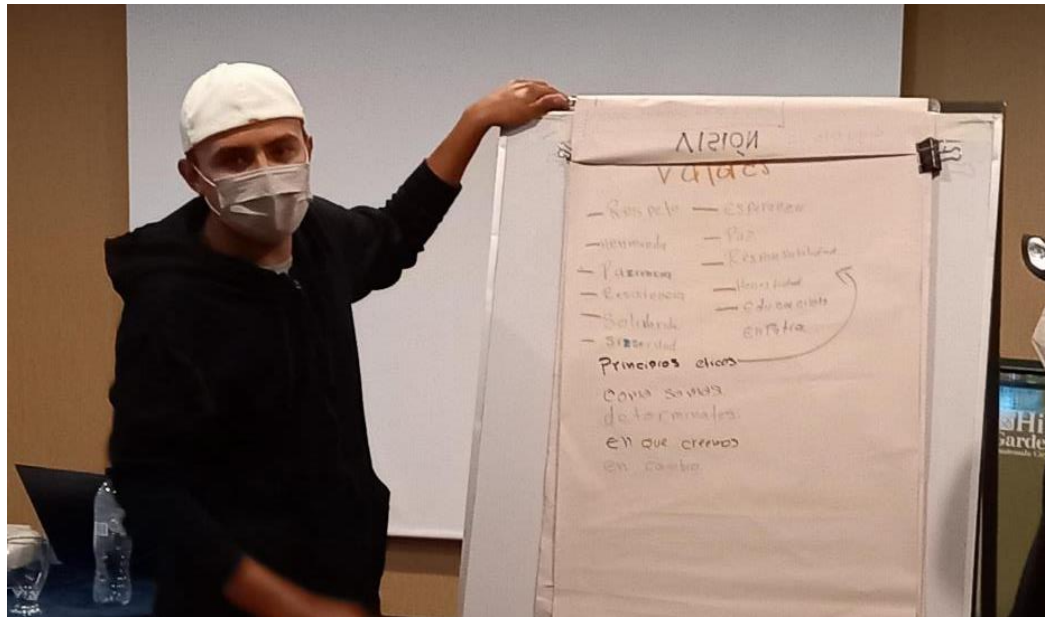
2. Advocacy

3. Training

4. Establing a support network

FORTALEZA DEL EQUIPO

- Encuentro Virtual Semanal
- Encuentro Presencial Mensual



TEAM BUILDING

- Weekly Virtual Meeting
- Monthly In-Person Meeting



INCIDENCIA / ADVOCACY

Lanzamiento público con actores del Sistema de Protección.

Launch with protection actors

15 marzo
March 15

Evento público en conmemoración del Día del Niño.

Public event to commemorate Children's Day

1º. octubre
October 1st

Conferencia de prensa para la incidencia en la protección de los niños, niñas y adolescentes, en ocasión al Día contra la Trata de Personas.

Press conference to promote protection of children and adolescents, Day Against Human Trafficking

PROCESOS FORMATIVOS

Derechos y deberes de la niñez y adolescencia.

¿Cómo funciona el Sistema de Protección y repercute en la vida de los niños, niñas y adolescentes?

Desprotección de la niñez y adolescencia. Caso práctico: Estudio de la Sentencia de hermanos Ramírez vrs. Estado de Guatemala.

Autocuidado y bienestar emocional.

Comunicación, expresión y empoderamiento.

TRAINING

Rights and responsibilities of children and adolescents

The workings of the Protection System work and its impact on children and adolescents

When children go unprotection, Case study: the Ramírez brothers vs. State of Guatemala

Self-care and emotional well-being

Communication, expression and empowerment



REDES DE APOYO

Buscar y vincular instituciones y/o empresas que ofrezcan oportunidades al grupo de jóvenes egresados del Sistema de Protección que les permita el desarrollo integral.

Identificar hogares de abrigo y protección que dentro de su población y perfil tengan adolescentes en transición a la vida independiente.

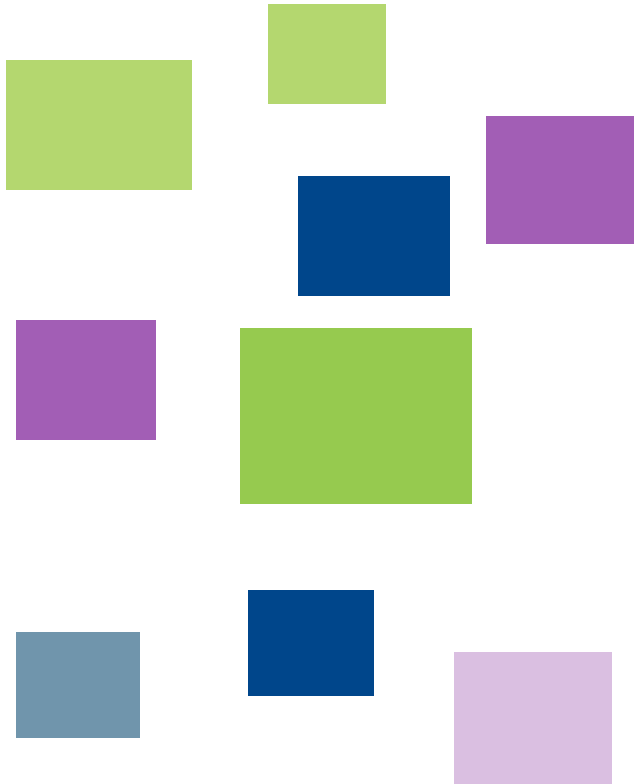
Acompañar a jóvenes egresados del Sistema de Protección en transición a la vida independiente a través de la vinculación a oportunidades.

SUPPORT NETWORKS

Network with agencies and companies that offer opportunities professional growth opportunities

Identify residential care facilities within the geography of the above agencies/companies

Accompany careleavers in their transition to independent living through linkages and opportunities for professional growth



EL GRUPO DE JÓVENES UNIDOS POR EL CAMBIO SOLICITÓ AL SISTEMA DE PROTECCIÓN

Vincular a nuestro grupo a otros jóvenes egresados del Sistema de Protección

Facilitar el acompañamiento a los adolescentes que se encuentran en cuidado residencial y en proceso de transición a su vida independiente, como una red de apoyo.

Participar y apoyar la incidencia

Promover espacios de participación para que nuestra voz sea escuchada y respetada.



UNITED FOR CHANGE ASKED THE PROTECTION SYSTEM ACTORS....

Link our group to other care leavers who may want to be part of a network

Facilitate the accompaniment of youth in residential care transitioning to independent life thru the support network

Participate in events and support advocacy

Promote spaces for youth voice and participation





¡Gracias!

Thank you!



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Thank you for joining us!

Download the manual at

<https://bettercarenetwork.org/putting-child-and-youth-participation-at-the-heart-of-care-reform-an-introductory-manual>

(Available in English, Spanish, French and Romanian).



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