



Update from the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance

Save the Date: Social Service Workforce Week, October 26 - 30

The 7th annual [Social Service Workforce Week](#) will be celebrated October 26 - 30. The 2020 theme will highlight the many essential roles of the social service workforce in the lives of individuals, families and communities. COVID-19 has increased attention and recognition for the essential role of this frontline workforce in providing preventative, promotive and responsive services to vulnerable groups to build resilience to respond to shocks and crises. Their work is even more important during this time. The week will celebrate their ongoing essential role and include daily blogs, worker profiles, new resources and a webinar. We will also be releasing the new Guidance Manual on Strengthening Supervision for the Social Service Workforce.



Keep an eye out for additional details with daily topics and ways to get involved by contributing materials as well as sharing the information widely with your network to increase funding and policy support.

Webinar: Strengthening the Social Service Workforce in Uganda



Join 4Children for a project close-out webinar on September 16 at

09:00ET/16:00

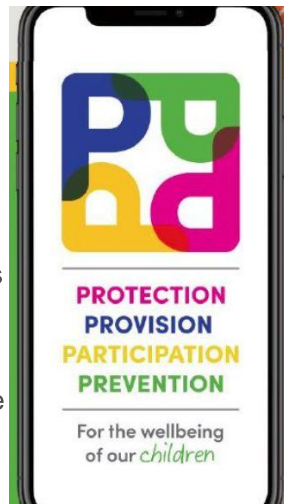
Uganda to reflect on key learnings and successes in strengthening the workforce for vulnerable children. 4Children will be



joined by key partners, including UNICEF, Makerere University Department of Social Work and Social Administration, and the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU). [Join the Microsoft Teams Meeting](#). Conference ID: 561 920 792#

Coming Soon: COVID 4P Log App

A new app is in development and expected to be released later this month. The [COVID 4P Log](#) is a smartphone app that collects the anonymous views and experiences of practitioners and policymakers who are working to support children's well-being in the light of COVID-19. Over an eight-week period, practitioners and policymakers will be asked to log one response to a short question every day. This data will help to inform decisions affecting the workforce and how they provide for children's well-being. The Global Social Service Workforce Alliance is proud to be a partner of this project spearheaded by Inspiring Children's Futures at the University of Strathclyde. We will share updates once the app is ready for download.



Resources

COVID-19 Resources

Visit our website for [COVID-19 resources and tools](#) on topics relevant to the roles of the social service workforce, including mental health and psychosocial support, child protection,

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case management, alternative care and separated children, gender-based violence, working with communities, communications/key messages and webinars. We are adding new resources to this list daily as more inter-agency work is published. If you would like us to add a resource, [please contact us](#).

[The role of small-scale residential care for children in the transition from institutional- to community-based care and in the continuum of care in the Europe and Central Asia Region](#)

The White Paper summarizes evidence on the current use and impact of small-scale residential care (also: 'SSRC') and offers guidance on how to enable all children to grow up in a loving and stable family environment. It aims to promote better decision-making among policy-makers, local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as child welfare and other, allied practitioners of the establishment.

[Protecting Children from Violence in the Time of COVID-19: Disruptions in prevention and response services](#)

Social service professionals must also be acknowledged as a critical part of the COVID-19 response for children.

[COVID-19: Policy Brief and Recommendations - Strengthening efforts to prevent and respond to school-related gender-based violence as schools reopen](#)

This policy brief is targeted at policymakers and practitioners working in gender, education and child protection fields. It draws from emerging evidence on the gendered implications of COVID-19 on violence as well as research from previous health emergencies regarding the impacts of school closures on gender-based violence. Working on the principle of 'Build Back Better', this brief may be used to advocate for improved attention to school-related gender-based violence (SRGBV).

[Supervision for Staff of Family Care First/React Partner Organizations](#)

The purpose of this research project is to learn the current landscape of supervision practices within the FCF | REACT network organizations in context of their capacity, supervisory needs, achievements and challenges. In addition, consistent with the aim of mainstreaming supervision throughout the network and further in the social service sector in Cambodia, the research explores practitioners and key informants' views on the recommended steps toward national standards for supervision and how

they may be enforced.

[Transitioning Support Services Survey Findings Report](#)

In many countries around the world, systems of protection and care for children are in reform as a commitment to family care increases among governments, nongovernmental organizations, donors, advocates, communities, and families. However, there is limited understanding of the support available for the important work of transitioning residential care centers to family care and community services.

Opportunities

Collective Impact Consultant – Moldova start-up

Changing the Way We Care is seeking a consultant from October 2020 - July 2021 to establish and strengthen buy-in in Moldova, with most meetings being held virtually. Changing the Way We Care (CTWWC) is an initiative designed to promote safe, nurturing family care for children from institutions or children at risk of child-family separation. The consultant is expected to prepare a framework, strategy and resources around collective impact to help inform and guide the initiative overall, the CTWWC Chief of Party (COP) in Moldova, and the implementing partners. The consultant will design and lead a collect impact start up workshop, introducing key concepts and facilitating a diverse group of actors, both government and non, towards a common starting point. The consultant will work closely with local implementing partners and the technical team. [Apply through Maestral International by September 10.](#)

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