

**Dialogic and Collaborative Practices & Ecuadorian Child Protection Policy / Prácticas colaborativas y dialógicas en políticas pública de desinstitucionalización de niñas, niños y adolescentes en vulneración de derechos**

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The application of Dialogic and Collaborative Practices in Ecuador in order to guarantee children's rights to live within family and community.

¿Cómo aplicamos las PCD en Ecuador para garantizar el derecho a la convivencia familiar y comunitaria de los niños y sus familias?

We would like to share our experiences as a small Ecuadorian NGO with you. In the last few years, our organization experienced a dramatic shift, as it went from implementing institutional care to alternative family and community based care for children whose rights have not been respected. We find ourselves in a continuous learning process, never considering ourselves to be the "expert", but instead having faith in the families we work with. Dialogic and Collaborative Practices have allowed us to promote children's rights and achieve the deinstitutionalization of all the children in our organization in a relatively short period of time.

We applied this strategy in several contexts; between professionals, other organizations involved in child protection and the Ecuadorian government. This flourished into results we could never have imagined a few years prior. For example, we translated the Dialogic and Collaborative Practices into public policy. Ecuador currently employs alternative family and community based care programs on a national level, based on the previously mentioned philosophy. Currently, we continue working closely together with the government by co-constructing a National Deinstitutionalization Strategy.

We would like to invite you to exchange thoughts and ideas about working with families and the child protection system.

Máximo 100 participantes