

# TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE CHANGED CHILDREN'S LIVES IN JUNE

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## Our resilience team attended a 3 days workshop on non-violent communication and mediation.

himaya's social workers and senior case managers took part in a three days workshop on the topic of "non-violent communication and mediation" at Université Saint Joseph. The objective of this workshop was to acquire the right tools and techniques as a mediator for our team to apply during sessions with children victims of violence and their families.



## THE ANNUAL MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE

The resilience program and the legal department participated in a round table on the occasion of the Annual Midwifery conference.

One of the objectives of the conference was to discuss the following:

- 1- The consequences of children witnessing domestic violence;
- 2- The effects on children born from child marriage;

During the panel, the attendees highlighted the importance of immediate intervention when it comes to children witnessing domestic violence as well as with mothers who are being subjected to abuse.

In 2018, himaya offered psychosocial support to over 200 children who have witnessed domestic violence, by guiding the parents through the process and introducing positive parenting within the household.

# Himaya is now giving prevention activities to children with disabilities!



himaya's team is extending their prevention activities to children with disabilities in partnership with SESOBEL. Both teams joined forces to create a new curriculum that responds to the needs of these children.

We believe that children with disabilities and especially children with Down Syndrome, are vulnerable because of their difficulty in refusing an unsafe touch, or any other situation that would make them uncomfortable.

As part of this partnership, our prevention program benefited from training sessions with Sesobel on the educational approach and intervention modalities with children that have cognitive impairment.

The training ended with the delivery of prevention activities to children with disabilities by four members of himaya's prevention team, under Sesobel's supervision.

After the completion of the training, our team is now capable of applying the curriculum all over Lebanon and help children with disabilities identify the different forms of violence they may face, and help them acquire the self-protection skills they need.

# Our executive director, Ms. Lama Yazbeck attended the child protection executive course.

In June 2019, 3 representatives from 7 countries attended the child protection executive education course at HARVARD FXB center for health and human rights, at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. From Lebanon, the head of the child protection division at the Ministry of social affairs, Mrs. Salam Schreim, chief child protection from Unicef Lebanon, Mrs. Johanna Eriksson Takyu, and himaya's executive director Ms. Lama Yazbeck attended the course.



Lebanon's country team members worked collaboratively on presenting a case study related to a major child protection problem confronted: alternative care systems in Lebanon. Throughout the 5 days course, the country team members used the new teaching and learning to refine their approach, and presented the revised presentation to a panel of Harvard faculty and sector leaders on the last day.

A holistic response to the needs of children and families requires an integrated and multi-sectoral approach in which different state and civil-society partners act together in a seamless system of support. Developing and sustaining that system calls for interdisciplinary thinking, a deep understanding of child protection issues, together with effective leadership and negotiation skills.

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