

Abstract

This project was implemented in Addis Ababa Ethiopia at Hope for Justice international organization. The NGO is focused on reintegrating children into a family setting after providing a temporary rehabilitation service in the organization's shelter. Since the children spent a long in the streets of the city, they acquired multiple substance abuse and suffered from previous abuse history. This project applied attachment theory and structural theory to understand how social work practice in the organization is rendered to the best interest of the child. Hence, child rights conventions and regional charters also mitigate the protection and promotion of the best interest of the child at any service provision level. Therefore, the project was executed to raise awareness more on right-based practice and understand the value of children's voice in the decision-making process. It involves workshops on understanding the cultural dynamic in the country and balancing international human rights instruments application. Social workers and children in the shelter were active part of the project and the project duration was two months.

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