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Vol. 102: UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Together for Girls Report, and CPFY Youth Alliance Working Group Update

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Quick Summary

The UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD Committee) [adopted](#) new Guidelines on Deinstitutionalization including in times of emergency. These guidelines provide a roadmap to governments, disability and children activists, and donors about the immediate steps needed to end the practice of institutionalization and residential treatment or care for people with disabilities. Eric Rosenthal, Executive Director of DRI, stated that “The Guidelines will especially help us fight for the protection of children in war zones like Ukraine.” He also emphasized that “It is not OK to wait until after a war or public health emergency to reunite children with their families. All children

and people with disabilities deserve – and have the right – to live with families and in the community." To learn more and read the new guidelines, click [here](#).

Together for Girls and the City of New York Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy and University Research Company has released its new [report](#) titled “The Power of Data to Action.” Currently, more than 20 countries have conducted a Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (VACS), with 23 reports published. This report provides evidence that the process of undertaking a VACS contributes to policy change and action to end violence against children and adolescents. Click [here](#) to learn more about their landscape analysis.

CPFI Youth Alliance Working Group

CPFI's Youth Alliance Working Group (YAWG) has finalized its [proposal](#) for a Congressional Caucus on Children and Youth Globally. The proposal emphasizes the need for the inclusion of youth voices. The YAWG names four different priorities that a Congressional Caucus on Children and Youth Globally should take on, which include:

- Promote policy proposals that improve the livelihoods of children and youth globally, especially among marginalized/vulnerable populations.
- Seek direct input from youth advocates and other civil society experts and strengthen the role of young people as thought leaders and expect the caucus members to strengthen their role through regular meetings with these changemakers.
- Provide recommendations, support, and oversight for executive and legislative branch activities that strengthen a holistic and coordinated US approach that prioritizes children and youth globally.
- Encourage the inclusion and meaningful participation of young people in global fora as actors who can help mitigate armed conflict, poverty, violence, and other crises.

The next steps that the YAWG is taking include drafting a Dear Colleagues Letter and creating a potential Hill briefing presentation. To read the proposal, click [here](#). If you are a youth who is interested in joining the YAWG, please fill out the form [here](#).

Events

- Search for Common Ground [webinar](#) **“Shrinking Civic Spaces Facing Youth: Protecting Young Activists Worldwide.”** September 21, 2022, at 10:30 am ET.
- UNICEF, USAID, and the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation [virtual event](#) **“The Child Malnutrition Crisis: Pledging to Save Lives.”** September 21, 2022, at 3:30 pm ET.

- USAID & ReLAB-HS [virtual event](#) **“Leadership for rehabilitation: addressing the needs in fragile and conflict-affected settings.”** September 26, 2022, at 9 am ET.
- UNICEF & the RISE Institute [webinar series](#) **“From Fragmented Fields to a Unity of Efforts for Early Childhood Development: The SDGs and Multisectoral ECD Monitoring and Evaluation Systems.”** October 12, 2022, at 8:30 am ET.
- UNICEF & the RISE Institute [webinar series](#) **“From Fragmented Fields to a Unity of Efforts for Early Childhood Development: The SDGs and Multisectoral ECD Monitoring and Evaluation Systems.”** November 30, 2022, at 8:30 am ET.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- Plan International [blog post](#) **“Students or Brides? Millions of At-Risk Girls Call for a U.S. and U.N. Response.”**
- InterAction [article](#) **“Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages.”**
- InterAction [article](#) **“Children and Youth Inclusion in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Management.”**
- InterAction [article](#) **“Reimagining Education to Deliver a “New Social Contract” for Children and Youth.”**
- USAID [fact sheet](#) **“Action Plan Released for the President’s Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (Prepare).”**
- UNICEF [press release](#) **“UNICEF warns of shockingly low levels of learning, with only a third of 10-year-olds globally estimated to be able to read and understand a simple written story.”**



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