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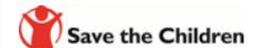
Ensuring that children with disabilities are not left behind

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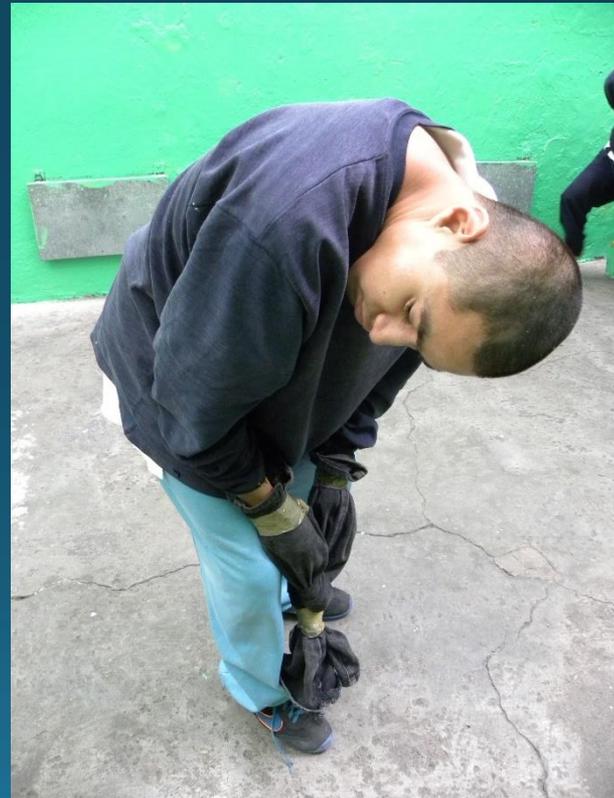


Including children with disabilities

- Right to community integration and to a family
 - Recognized by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- Lessons learned from Georgia:
 1. Children with disabilities should be at the center of the deinstitutionalization process
 2. Importance of continuing support into adulthood
 3. International cooperation should not be directed at building new institutions for children and adults with disabilities
 4. Private facilities should be accounted for in the process

Supporting parents with disabilities

- Parents with disabilities are disproportionately at risk of losing custody over their children
- Children of parents with disabilities are more likely to be put away in abusive institutions
- Mexico case



How to include children with disabilities?

- On a case by case basis
- Provide and, where needed, create the necessary supports
- The family should be at the center of the planning process
- The family and the child are the experts on their own needs
 - Case of Adolfo, Mexico
- Importance of peer support programs

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Thank you!

