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What we Know.

Family Organizations in the Americas

- Are few
- Many are service providers
- Have lost their grassroots
- Their members have :
 - no knowledge on human rights and/or the UN Convention
 - no advocacy capacity
 - no understanding of representation
- Lack volunteers
- Low number of new members

So they have a hard time influencing
needed changes in their countries



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Family organizations in the Americas are needed and they need to be qualified for today's challenges.

Families and people with intellectual disabilities need support to:

- develop and strengthen national organizations
- organize a systematic work to promote a sustainable civil organization
- give their members information, knowledge and skill
- do lobbying and provide advocating leadership
- secure its representativeness, participation
- build a capacity to be vigilant within political, civil and social processes

So is hard for them to achieve full citizenship of their members with an intellectual disability.

Building a National family Organization in Colombia with II support.

Inclusion international



- ❖ Seed pilot projects
- ❖ Expertise
- ❖ Support for participation in II meetings

- ❖ Share framework with II
- ❖ Work locally
- ❖ Generate local knowledge
- ❖ Share knowledge
- ❖ Promote Local and Global change

Partners and Allies

- ❖ Funders
- ❖ Family Organizations
- ❖ Self advocates
- ❖ Professionals



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- We started with a group of parents who looked for Inclusion International support
- They became II member for the country
- II incorporated them in a pilot initiative on Inclusive Education financed by the UN Voluntary Fund
 - Providing \$10.000 USD
 - Providing technical support with their educational consultants
- II invited them to participate in the Global Report on Inclusive education
- II has provided support for a member to attend II forums and Congress (which it does with a number of II member organizations in developing countries)
- The parents group started building proposals to be funded by international organization and a national organization adopting II frame of the UN Convention and its priorities
- After 3 years they have proposals funded by OSI, Abilis, Handicap International and Fundación Salazarriaga Concha.
- They have done meetings in Colombia in collaboration with II in Inclusive Education and Legal Capacity

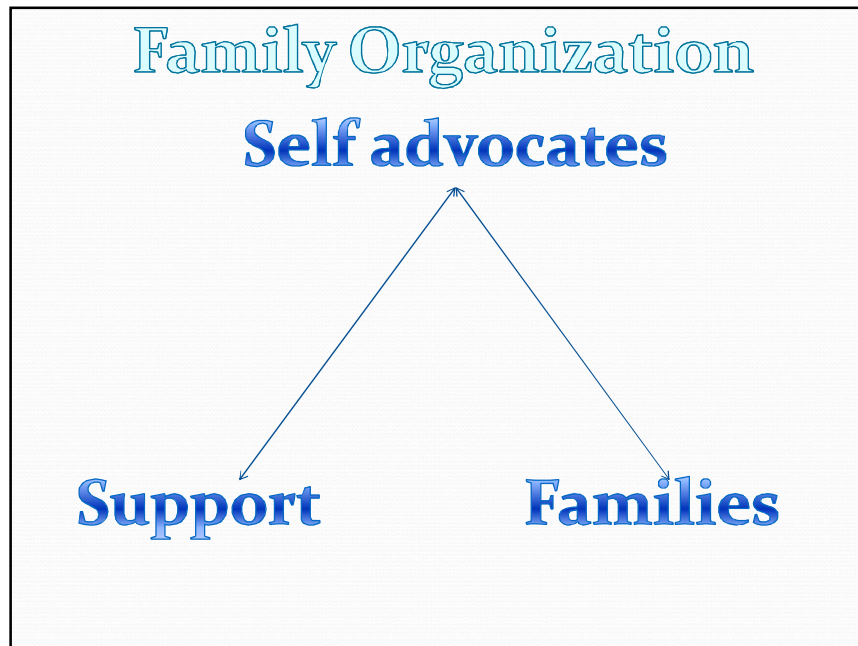
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They have position themselves as Knowledgeable on the issues and with international partnership and support .

II is a partner in at least 80 % of what they do and has given technical support for many of the initiatives.



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- All the Initiatives will
Help build a National family Organization and
strengthen the human resources
- Focus on self advocates and Families that share:
 - A common interest
 - Values based in human rights
 - Vision
 - Principles
 - Representing the Voices and interest of people with intellectual disability is at the centre of the organization
 - Inclusion
 - Families are supported
 - Using the Convention as a frame work
 - Family and self advocates
 - Inclusive Education
 - Living in the Community
 - Legal Capacity
 - Civil organization as a working structure
 - Partnership with others
 - Achieving change as a result
 - Accountable and sustainable



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SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

1. Build a Family based Civil Society
 - ❖ Membership and representation
 - Agreements
 - ❖ Capacity of their members
 - Instruments of Planning and Management
 - Implementing a plan
 - ❖ Sustainable
 - ❖ For the Future
2. Organization Information and Training of its members:
 - ❖ Information and knowledge
 - ❖ Skills development
 - Leadership
 - Representation
 - Advocacy
3. Networking and partners/allies

What we are doing

- Identify small groups of parents willing to advocate for change
- Pool all the resources from international and national sponsors to Strengthen the self advocates and Family based Organization
- Identify ways of working together
- Identify needs of knowledge and skills
- Identify partners national, regional and international
- Designed a Plan
- Work together for 3 years



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Measuring Outcomes Tools

- ✓ The McKinsey Capacity Assessment Grid
 - ✓ Most significant change Tool, by Rick Davies and Jess Dart as an evaluation tool <http://www.mande.co.uk/docs/MSCGuide.pdf>
 - ✓ Social Networking Analysis
<http://www.mande.co.uk/networkmodels.htm>;
http://www.mande.co.uk/networks.htm#social_network_analysis_in_evaluation; <http://www.orgnet.com/BuildingNetworks.pdf>
 - ✓ Deliberative Dialogue as a tool for citizen engagement
http://www.ccic.ca/e/docs/002_dev_inclusion_and_diversity.pdf#search='deliberative%20dialogue
- ✓ **Tools to Monitor the UN Convention**