

Conference on Reintegration Challenges faced by Care leavers

Venue: Shalom House

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At the CCI, I felt protected. I was provided for and I did not have to struggle for most things!

Out here I have to struggle for everything. Most of the time I do not succeed. I am full of fear.

I feel that I was not adequately prepared for life after CCI!

Reintegration Challenge for Care-Leavers

Young people leaving alternative care face multitude of challenges resulting from institutional disengagement as they move into adulthood. This transition forces them to self sufficiency and independent living. These changes are heavy as they occur in haste forcing the young adult to instant adulthood.

If reintegration is successful, the young adult will fit well in the community. If failed, he/she will face a number of challenges including homelessness, lack of food, insecurity and poor health. Moreover the care leaver will be exposed to substance abuse, early parenthood and delinquency. It is thus essential that he/she is prepared to meet these challenges before being disengaged from the CCI.

Conference themes

1. Life skills needed for reintegration
2. Reintegration activities and projects
3. Gender dimensions of reintegration
4. Assisting the most difficult cases
5. Psycho-social empowerment
6. Economic empowerment

Research on Reintegration

In a bid to understand the challenges faced by the care-leavers several organizations came together and conducted a study on the same.

The study established that reintegration could be enhanced or impeded by

- Child related issues
- Biological family related issues
- Forster family related issues
- Societal/community issues and
- Charitable Children Institutions Issues

The study's respondents were 87 care-leavers both females and males from thirty CCIs in Nairobi. Great recommendations were made which will be of benefit to all stakeholders.



Some Highlights of the Research

| Levels of personal achievement | |
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| Happily independent | 10.34% |
| Confident of the future | 18.39% |
| Cant make ends meet | 17.24% |
| Afraid of the future | 4.60% |

Those who felt they had achieved little had two characteristics. On one hand they were persistent, resilient and determined to change their lives around. On the other they were despondent and had resorted to dangerous living.

| Happy with reintegration process | |
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| Yes | 63.22% |
| No | 36.78% |

36% is a big proportion for not being happy with reintegration.

You are Welcome to the Conference

KARDS, a community based consultancy is pleased to welcome you to the conference on "Reintegration Challenges Faced by Care-Leavers".

Speakers and exhibitors

Incase you would like to speak at the conference please get in touch with us.

There is an opportunity to exhibit what you do to aid the reintegration process. Few spaces are available hence kindly book early.

Conference Partners

The conference involves a number of CCIs, government agencies, academic institutions donor agencies and a host of civil societies.

You and your organization are invited to partner in this conference too.

Conference Venue

The conference will take place at Shalom House, a beautiful conference resort along Ngong Road.

Conference Cost

The conference will cost Kshs 5000. Please pay

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Crossing into adulthood is not easy for all vulnerable girls and boys. Let us join together to ease their burden!

A successful reintegration requires collaboration of all!

The child, his or her family, society, the government and the CCI

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