

## AUGUST REPORT

### Risk Reduction Commission

It was installed the Risk Reduction Commission of the Integral Protection System of girls, boys and adolescents of Mexico City. (SIPINNA-CDMX); dated the last August 18, 2018 in the old palace of the city hall.

The main objective of this commission that was established in the working plan and sets down to be a public politic: “to eliminate any act that implies the psycho emotional damage of girls, boys and adolescents “

In Mexico City, it exists a complex amount of challenges to achieve and advance in guaranteeing the human rights of children and adolescents, however, what the Risk Reduction Commission proposes, opens the path to advance for the consolidation of this agenda.

From Ednica we congratulate ourselves to be part of the SIPINNA CDMX, at the same time we reiterate our commitment to strengthen and multiply the participation of children and adolescents.



## United for education

One of the hypotheses established in education is our Theory of Change, in other words, that the majority of the students who are enrolled in school, reduce the time working in public spaces, therefore we reach that they continue beyond the basic educational level.

We are highly proud to share that for the third year in a row, the Foundation Dibujando un Mañana (Drawing a Tomorrow) in partnership with SC Johnson Mexico, authorized our proposal named “yo trabajo por mi derecho a la educación” (“I work for my right to education”) within the framework of its annual call “Tu puedes ayudar 2018” (“You can help”). With this project, we will be promoting actions aimed at the development of critical thinking through the promotion of reading, mathematical logical thinking and the development of socio-emotional skills.

Likewise, the Association of Public Accountants of Mexico, in its program The Human Face of the Public Accounting A. C., once again, authorized our project for the prevention of substance use among children and adolescents in street situations. This project strengthens the protective factors and decreases the risk through the development of socio-emotional skills among our target population.

Similarly, Fomento Social Banamex AC, the Red Devils of Mexico and the Alfredo Harp Helú Foundation, through its program Home Runs Citibanamex 2018, continue to rely on our strategy for the prevention of risk behaviors, specifically the consumption of substances through the development of psychosocial skills, for which we are very happy and we reiterate our commitment to the trust shown.

Finally, due to the socioeconomic conditions of our population, it is difficult for them to cover the cost of their school supplies, therefore, generously, various allies added effort to grant donations for school supplies among them we want to especially thank:

- VIS Foundation Mexico IAP, for the donation of 153 basic school kits.
- Grupo Gentera, who donated the school supplies list of 20 children.
- Neveries Frody, for the collection of 3 boxes of notebooks for children.

Once again we reiterate our gratitude for the generosity and commitment with children and youth in street situations and we invite you to follow our next news closely.



## Taking care of our environment

During the summer course we did several activities with the children and adolescents that complement the workshops and daily educational sessions. One of these activities was the project on the environment and its pollution.

Concerned about climate changes and the excessive use of plastic, as well as a way to raise awareness for the care of the planet, we think it is important to talk about this topic.

In this sense, a workshop was held where we discussed the causes, effects and prevention of pollution, especially in the high consumption and use of plastic. With the help of activities such as creating posters, PowerPoint presentations, research activities and recreational activities, we encourage the development of a critical and reflective thinking on this topic and thus, be part of citizen actions that contribute to a dignified and healthy life.

Similarly, children and adolescents build a perspective about the pollution of air, water and soil, as an aspect that affects themselves, their social environment and future generations.

We concluded the workshop with a creative part that consisted in recycling plastic bottles. With it, the participants could see how easy it is to reuse plastic objects. In addition, the creative part helps to reinforce learning.



## Defending our rights

In Ednica we continue working on our objectives and one of them is that young people linked to life on the streets (YPLS) promote, defend and exercise their human rights in the public space so that they can build alternatives to non-street life.

In August the (YPLS) participated and attended different spaces where they took on the task of defending and promoting their human rights; The first event to which they went and made use of their right to health was to the Condesa Iztapalapa Clinic where they participated in the Condesa Study, which has the purpose of opportunely preventing the injuries produced by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) through a primary screening with the combination of a vaccine against HPV; Also, HIV and syphilis tests were performed, all were negative.

In addition, the Council to Prevent and Eliminate Discrimination in Mexico City (COPRED) invited the (YPLS) to their facilities to show them, introduce them the staff and explain them how they can file a complaint against individuals who discriminate against them for living in street and claims against government instances that commit acts of discrimination.

On another occasion, they attended an audience of people in a street situation in the presence of the staff of the Public Security Secretariat and IASIS, in which they exposed cases of public servants, mainly police, that violate their human rights; In this hearing the (YPLS) demanded that their human rights be respected and that they not be denied or violated. They participated together with people in street situations who assist other civil society organizations.

We will continue working so that the YPLS can learn, demand, exercise and defend their human rights so that they can build alternatives of dignified life.





## Emotional health and my right to be protected

In Mexico and the world some years ago, it was thought that boys, girls and adolescents (BGA) belonged to the adults, who had to behave properly and take care of themselves; In most cases, they were not allowed to express their opinions or make decisions for themselves. Over time, society has realized that this type of treatment puts the BGA at risk, that they have human rights and although they have the capacity to take care of themselves and behave in a responsible manner, families and the State have the obligation to protect them from different dangers and risks.

During the month of August, as part of the activities carried out in the summer course with the adolescents, from the emotional health area, they were complemented with others related to the promotion of the rights that are responsible for their protection and integrity; for this, dynamics were carried out based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Law for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents, as well as publicizing the various institutions that ensure the well-being of children.

The BGAs were identifying how these laws protect them from mistreatment, abandonment, insecurity, drugs and drug trafficking, exploitation at work and different forms of violence.

At Ednica we are committed to the protection and promotion of BGA rights; At the same time we provide them with tools that help them to build a life with greater opportunities, therefore, grow in a safe, healthy and protected environment where they can develop, participate, express their opinion, feel important, respected, safe and loved, that they live in peace, surrounded by people they can trust and with whom they can communicate.



## Upbringing without violence

Since the month of February, mothers of the Xochimilco's Community Center, in their biweekly workshop, have been learning and reflecting on their parenting practices. Thus, August was dedicated to talk about the normalization of violence and how it affects the development of children and adolescents.

Through videos, exhibitions and talks it was possible to reflect on how violence is at all levels of society; The mothers managed to identify examples of violent situations that go from a national level to an individual level, some of the mothers pointed out actions that their sons and daughters carry out, which are learned or seen in the family or colony.

Another element that was analyzed was the ladder of violence and how the underaged are the ones who receive the discharge of violence that the adults accumulate, which allows normalizing violent actions in the family. They also pointed out how they contribute to this normalization.

In a second session, violent environments were discussed, mothers were recognized as generators or participants of the cycle of violence, they reflected on the myths of violence and expressed their point of view. At another time there were examples of situations of mistreatment and the mothers mentioned the response they give to violence in the family environment. They also identified concrete actions on how violence against their sons and daughters can be avoided.

This workshop was based on the project of gender equity, in the sessions the idea prevailed of the indispensable thing that it is to break with cycles of violence, although they distinguish that it is a difficult task; In the workshop, the mothers identify this space as trust in which they are heard, exchange life experiences, learn new parenting strategies and thereby achieve a change.

