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# Abstract

360<sup>0</sup> – the National Program for Children and Youth at Risk – is an inter-ministerial program headed by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MOLSA) in partnership with the ministries of Education, Health, Immigrant Absorption, Public Security, the Union of Local Authorities, and JDC-Israel. The program goal is to change the way that Israeli society deals with children and youth at risk, by strengthening and expanding the community services addressing them.

In 2014, National Program personnel asked the Learning from Success Research Team at the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute (MJB) to head a structured, systematic process of identification, inquiry, and documentation of stories of professional success in the work of the National Program in Bedouin society.

The process of inquiry employed the Retrospective Method of Learning from Past Success, developed at MJB. The process exposed professional knowledge that had been latent and therefore not documented. The stories of success that were subsequently documented were chosen by the accompanying team, which comprised National Program personnel and the head of the Learning from Success Research Team.

This document was written on the basis of the process of inquiry and documentation with reference to three stories of success. The first part presents the background to the National Program, the method of Learning from Success, and the writing process. The second part presents the stories of success, which were recounted at length by the directors of the programs that were chosen as successful.

The chosen stories were: the center as home: a success story of the Parent-Child Center in Rahat; the program of parental involvement in readiness for First Grade: a success story in the Neveh Midbar Regional Council; the development of a local response of treating children with difficulties: a success story in the Arara United Localities - Kuseife.

The document presents insights into successful practices that led to improvement in the functioning of professionals and in the situation of the program's target population – children and youth at risk. The insights emerging from the document have already been put into practice and will continue to serve as a resource of mutual learning and professional development for staff working with children and youth in general, particularly for National Program personnel.