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Child Protection System Reform National Plan of Action has been drafted

With UNICEF support, a working group, which was established by the Vice-Premier-Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, drafted a Child Protection System Reform National Plan of Action for 2009-2011. In the course of its preparation an analysis of Family and Child Support Departments and Children Affairs Committees in Issykkul Province was used (http://www.unicef.org/kyrgyzstan/ru/media_13074.html). The Plan of Action foresees an introduction of social support services for families at the level of local self-government. The document has been consented by ministries and agencies and will be soon presented to the Government for approval.

A state residential care institution is to be transformed into a child and family support center

As a result of the round table on deinstitutionalization and transformation of residential care institutions, the Mayor's Office of Kyzyl-Kiya in Batken Province has taken a decision to transform the Kyzyl-Kiysky institution into a Child and Family Support Center with support from UNICEF. Most of its children will be returned to their biological and extended families. Children from vulnerable families will receive alternative social services.

A manual for specialists in juvenile justice has been developed

Under the leadership of the Public Fund "Center Prava" a working group consisting of representatives of various ministries and agencies, and non-governmental organizations has presented a methodological guidance which is going through an international expertise and soon will be published and introduced into the curricula of the

Dear Partners,

UNICEF has the pleasure of sharing with you a bimonthly newsletter that highlights activities and information on resources available that we hope will support you in your work of improving the situation for families and children in the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Academy of the Ministry of the Interior and Training Centers for judges, lawyers and prosecutors.

An assessment of the state programmes and efforts against child poverty has been conducted.

Kyrgyzstan alongside with other countries of Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Turkey assessed its current programmes and efforts focusing on decreasing child poverty in the context of the global recession. (Please see the questionnaire on the web-site: http://www.unicef.org/kyrgyzstan/media_13066.html). The assessment will be used in the course of preparation for the Regional Ministerial Conference on Social Impact of the Economic Crisis that will be held in December this year in Almaty.

A holistic approach to early childhood development

On 4 August 2009, 80 representatives of various ministries, the Parliament, NGOs, donor organizations, practitioners and academicians discussed ways of interaction in the area of early childhood development. Ms. Patrice Engle, an inviting lecturer from USA, made her presentation on a holistic approach and gave economic arguments why it is important to make investments in the first years of life and shared positive experience of other countries. (Presentation is on web-site http://www.unicef.org/kyrgyzstan/media_13066.html)

The Seventh Central Asian Forum on Education

On 15-17 September 2009, Kyrgyzstan hosted a regional forum on education. National, regional and international experts discussed current challenges and opportunities in education area. The participants shared results of recent research data, successful experiences and lessons learned.