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Speaker biographical note



Maia Bibileisvili is the head of the “Child, Family, Society” (CFS), the first association of parents of children with disabilities in Georgia established in 1995. The organization is actively involved in the current social and educational events of the country. Maia has led and organized CFS for over twenty years, bringing broad support and awareness of students with disabilities, along with pushing for reforms by the Georgian government. Her “Reading for a Better Future” initiative aimed to increase access to education for children with visual and hearing impairments, especially for girls of the ethnic minority, which was implemented from 2013-2016 with support from USAID. In the framework of the above-mentioned project, essential and significant educational resources, including online resources were created for teachers and children, which have been donated to the Ministry of Education and to the Professional Development Center of Teachers. She has also spent time exploring inclusion models in other societies, such as through programs with Gallaudet University, Perkins School for the Blind, and University of Scranton. She has brought ideals and conceptions of educational access and inclusion to Georgia, shaping how vulnerable populations are educated and accepted by society.