



## The Trump International Institute for Research and Continuing Education in Developmental Disabilities

Understanding of the importance of education and training as a driving force of social change, the Trump International Institute for Research and Continuing Education in Developmental Disabilities was founded at Beit Issie Shapiro in 1994.

**The Institute offers and conducts** an average of 70 courses, seminars and workshops annually, in the field of rehabilitation throughout the country, including comprehensive training programs that provide both practical training and theoretical enrichment. Through this activity, the Institute has impacted on over 90,000 people in its 25 years. The Institute provides up-to-date knowledge in the field and offers a wealth of opportunities for professional collaborations in Israel and with professionals overseas.

**Target audience:** in its mission to achieve social change through dissemination of knowledge, the Institute's basic strategy is systems intervention. For this reason, the Institute audience is diverse, with training programs that target the professional community, caregivers, parents of children with disabilities, as well as parents who have disabilities, as well as people with disabilities.

**Training Programs** are provided in four main tracks:

- Training and certification: courses such as hydrotherapy, art therapy, educational aides, pet therapy and medical clowning.
- Enrichment courses: such as coping with challenging behavior, multi-sensory therapy (Snoezelen), special parenting school.
- The Inclusive University: offers continuing education within an academic framework for adults with complex learning disabilities.
- Tailored training: courses and seminars tailored to the specific needs of an organization / framework.

The Institute also has an extensive library and information center with books, theses, seminar papers, and journals in Hebrew and English. It is open to professionals and the public free of charge.

**Partner to the Institute is the Research and Evaluation Department**, which focuses on applied research in the field of disabilities, designs and carries out research studies, evaluates project and issues articles and publication in professional and academic journals (more than 100 articles in local and international professional journals and books, many based on research). The Department's primary goal is to support Beit Issie Shapiro's multi-disciplinary team in developing innovative treatment methods and maintaining high professional standards. In addition, the Department collaborates with academic institutes in Israel and overseas on research in all areas that relate to the rehabilitation and treatment of children and adults with disabilities and their families.

The Research and Evaluation Department has adopted and expanded the participatory research approach and is carrying out research with the full partnership of people with disabilities.

