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Director of United Aid for Azerbaijan (UAFA) organization Gwendolyn Burchell gave information on the teaching of occupational therapy and underlined the importance of measures taken in this direction in Azerbaijan. Noting occupational therapy professionals were trained in Azerbaijan as a result of done works, the guest also talked about future plans.

Manager of UAFA Nurana Abdullayeva gave a presentation entitled "Occupational therapy is a bridge between rehabilitation and real life." Noting occupational therapy aimed at improving the social life chances of children (and adults) in need of special care, N. Abdullayeva underlined the need of attaching great importance to the training of high qualified professionals for this field. She gave detailed information about the activity of UAFA in Azerbaijan and answered to the questions taken from attendees.

Education Minister Misir Mardanov spoke about the experience of development of disabled children living in boarding schools and orphanages. Noting the importance of works implemented within the execution of 'State Program for the placement of children living in state-owned child institutions in families (deinstitutionalization) and alternative care in the Republic of Azerbaijan (2006-2015)' and in inclusive education project, the Minister stressed that any necessary support will be provided to the activity of the UAFA and the cooperation will further deepen.

The meeting was also attended by Department heads of the Ministry Aydin Ahmadov, Ilham Mustafayev and Farzali Gadirov; Head of Deinstitutionalization and Children Protection Department Malahat Hajiyeva, UAFA representative Ulviyya Mirzayeva, Director of Baku European Lyceum Zulfiyya Veysova, Department Head of Baku State University Rena Ibrahimbeyova, Manager of "Centre for Rehabilitation and Development" under Republican Special Boarding School no. 4 and others; The guests also shared their views regarding the teaching of occupational therapy in Azerbaijan, and voiced their opinions on the issue.

Education Minister Misir Mardanov underlined the need to establish the relevant working group and develop the action plan in order to provide the teaching of occupational therapy. The Minister shared his opinions regarding the measures taken to train specialists in this field and expressed his belief that the partnership with the UAFA will be effective.