

BASIC LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM TRAINING

Funded by UNIFEM, the Institute for Women Studies in the Arab World - Lebanese American University - held two training sessions on 15-16 and 29-30 December 1997, introducing an educational action program, **The Basic Living Skills Program**, a program designed by the Institute to counteract social illiteracy among women. The training was held at the Social Development Training Center of the Ministry of Social Affairs and was carried out over two sessions. Each session included twenty six trainees undergoing an Auxiliary Social Worker Program. The participants were trained on health issues, child care, home management, civic education, family planning, nutrition, environment and legal rights. The participants also acquired techniques related to adult teaching and the procedure of social survey.



IWSAW Staffer Anita Nassar with trainees

EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS



Dr. George Awad and Mrs. Mona Khalaf (IWSAW Director) with trainees

Marking the fourth visit of Dr. George Awad, a Canadian Lebanese Psychiatrist, the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World - Lebanese American University - organized a series of workshops for social workers and educators in Lebanon. Awad conducted training sessions at LAU -

Beirut campus between February 16 - 20, 1998. The focus was on two subjects: Emotional Problems in Children and Adolescents, Attachment and Separation Disorders. In Sidon, the training took place on February 27 - 28, 1998, focusing on the Effect of Violence on Children and Adolescents, and Child Abuse (domestic and sexual). Seventy nine social workers and educators representing 40 organizations and foundations from Beirut and the southern regions of Lebanon benefited

from these workshops which supplied them with special skills required to work with children and adolescents suffering from psychological problems. Evaluation questionnaires were distributed at the end of each session to obtain feed-back as to the value of these training sessions. Reactions were very positive and encouraging. The participants felt the importance of such training for their professional development. Dr. Awad also gave a lecture entitled Freud and Psychoanalysis: Are they Relevant in Current Arab Thinking? for students, faculty and staff at LAU, Beirut and Byblos. Dr. Awad will carry another series of workshops in the coming two years, as part of a long term project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and organized by the Near East Cultural and Educational Foundation of Canada (NECEFC).