



WORCESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

RESPONSIVE BASKET OF PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

- An extension of the learnings and developments of the Foundations Leave No Young Child Behind initiative which founded in 2015 in Nkomazi, Mpumanga
- These activities are facilitated by our amazing implementing partner, LIMA Rural Development
- Based on the South African National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Enabling linkages between DoH and community organizations in need of breastfeeding workshops

Capacity building of FASfacts facilitators to transfer knowledge to mothers involved in substance abuse

Providing young child platforms for DoH (and others) to bring awareness and resources to child health issues

Supporting learning journeys and labs facilitated by academic institutions and the OoP focusing on food security and child nutrition

Progress the concept of ECD Centres as HUBS of Nutrition and Health with Inceba Trust, OTP & WC DOH



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Co-design and facilitate learning journeys to explore joint support to strengthen food systems in Worcester as part of the Office of the Premier's Nourish to Flourish programme

Taking place with OoP, academia, Western Cape Economic Development Partnerships, DoH, DoA and other NGOs

Providing DoMore porridge to young children attending ECD programmes

Providing fresh produce/ proteins through SA Harvest up to 4 x per month

Supporting ECD centres with food gardens and kitchen support to enable healthier food options

Provision of scales and height charts to encourage regular growth monitoring early identification and referral through ECD programmes



CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Developing a directory of ward-based services for referrals to DSD, DOHA, SASSA, DOH and other relevant departments or organizations formulated in the context of FTD forum engagements

Young Child Forum sessions focusing on "Alternatives to Violence" as a way to promote peaceful communication at home and in society

Community based radio programmes (Love, Play, Talk) scripts on:

- Child rights
- Child protection
- Prevention of accidents and injuries
- Access to vital documents and grants



EARLY LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Providing resources and capacity building of ECD programme staff through existing short courses and programmes



Partnering with CHEP and The Association for People with Disabilities –to enable wooden toykit production for local ECD programmes

Supporting TLI's Blocks for Growth programme (training on the identification of developmental delays and implementing interventions)

Inviting early literacy organizations to host workshops for ECD practitioners



INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Lobbying for DSD registration compliance interventions:

Partnering with Grassroots, BVM, Cape Winelands District Municipality, RCL FOODS

Discussions with municipality regarding land availability for ECD services

Following up on lease agreements

Engagements with CWDM regarding health and safety certification

Linking ECD centres with donors like Breadline to provide toilet, classroom and kitchen spaces

Fire extinguishers and outdoor play equipment donated to ECD centres

Working with Real Reform for ECD and SA Food Lab to build ECD support priorities into municipal Integrated Development plans

Liasing with Vrije University to profile and map ECD centres using WAZI Map and linkages to health and social development facilities



PARENT (CAREGIVER) SUPPORT

Implementation of EAT LOVE PLAY TALK with ECD Centres

- Facilitate training of trainers workshops with ECD principals/practitioners
- Support and assess caregiver facilitation workshops on community-level
- Provide training and implementation progress outputs to DMF national to support programme evaluation and review
- Provision of resources

Liaising with WC DSD on running the national DSD/UNICEF parenting programme

Weekly radio programme based on the Side-by-Side campaign messaging and Love, Play, Talk



THE FIRST THOUSAND DAYS (FTD)

Established and co-chairing the FTD forum to consolidate and expand the FTD programme in Worcester

In the forum: DoH, DSD, ECD leadership, US Kwanda Rural Outreach Unit, BVM, Thembaletu Development, Mikhulu Trust

Contracting Sikunye to implement Church and Early Life programme that supports awareness of the importance of the FTD

Bi-annual newsletter to communicate progress, challenges and achievements in the Young Child Sector

Assisting Thembaletu Foundation and Mikhulu Trust bring their book sharing programme to the Worcester community

Support to Grow Great Flourish franchisees where possible and any other Grow Great initiatives



CAPACITY BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Young child Forum workshop with various topics including:

- Educational toy manufacturing from affordable materials (WCED)
- Leadership development and Self Care (Renee Lighton)
- Early Literacy (Nalibali and Mikhulu Trust – different methodologies)
- Early detection of development delays and aligned referrals (TLI)
- Quality ECD programme self-reflection tools
- Fire Safety workshops sponsored by Shoprite, Cape Winelands District Municipality and the Local Government's Community Development Workers Unit

Planning kitchen training for ECD centres as an outcome of the Health and Nutrition Hub concept with local church, DoA and DoH,