



BEST ECD NON-CENTRE BASED PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR

DEFINITION: A non-centre based ECD programme providing support to the ECD sector through interventions from birth to four years. The programme could be directly targeting children or their parents or caregivers, or practitioners, or all of the above. It must be creative, innovative, sustainable, and replicable. This excludes centre based programmes such as ECD Centres and/or Grade R classes.

SA ECD AWARDS: CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Considering the South African Government's commitment to recognize and support ECD, the South African Early Childhood Development Awards aim to raise awareness of the ECD sector's goal to break the cycle of poverty. The Awards promote and recognise excellence, hard work, dedication and investment in the future of children by individual practitioners, community centres and organisations involved in early childhood development. The National Development Agency (NDA), an Agency of Department of Social Development towards the eradication of poverty and its causes, is the custodian of the SA ECD Awards.

The Awards highlight the need for a proper system of early childhood development, one that is integrated in its approach, by considering children's health, nutrition, education, psychosocial and additional environmental factors within the context of their family and their community.

The annual ECD Awards initiative, which is the only one of its kind in South Africa, has been taking place since 2003. This has been in partnership with the Departments of Basic Education and Social Development, South African Congress of Early Childhood Development, UNICEF, National Development Agency and recently the Department of Health.

The Awards are in the following categories:

- Best ECD Practitioner of the Year
- Best ECD Centre of the Year
- Best ECD Trainer of the Year
- Best ECD Publication of the Year
- Best ECD Nutrition Programme of the year
- Best ECD Non-Centre Based Programme of the Year
- Best ECD Programme supporting Babies and Young Children with Disabilities

The ECD Awards categories promote:

- The improvement of quality of care, protection and development of children.
- Skills development of care givers on caring for children and providing them with stimulating environments.
- The importance of early childhood development.

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Opening Date: 15 August 2016 and the deadline date for submission is 14 October 2016, 14h00.

(No extensions will be granted). National Awards winners stand the chance to receive monetary awards or scholarships.

ECD AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY: BEST NON-CENTRE BASED PROGRAMME

SECTION 1: CONTACT DETAILS

Name of programme :		Contact person:	
ID Number:		E-mail address:	
Physical address :			
		Municipality:	
Town & Province:		Post code :	
Postal address:			
		Municipality :	
Town & Province		Post code :	
Telephone:	Fax:	Cell:	

Note: If we require proof of relevant documents, please make sure they are available on request.

SECTION 2: INFORMATION ON CHILDREN AT THE SITE/CENTRE

(a) Do you have a management or governing committee? YES NO

If YES, what are their responsibilities?

If NO, how is your programme managed or governed?

(b) Does the management and governing committee consist of parents of children and members of the public?

YES NO

Explain the composition:

SECTION 3: PROGRAMME INFORMATION

(a) Name of the programme?

(b) Municipality in which the programme operates:

(c) Is the programme registered/conditionally registered with the Department of Social Development?

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(d) What is the annual cost of the programme and how is it funded?

(e) What does the programme aim to achieve?

(f) Who does the programme target? Provide the age groups of children:

(g) How long has the programme been operational?

(h) What makes this programme innovative, creative and/or different, particularly in the lives of children?

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SECTION 4:

(a) Explain how the programme addresses the holistic development of the children.

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(b) Does the programme offer meals? How often are meals offered?

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(c) What is the duration of contact with children?

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(d) Is staff involved in the programme trained?

Please specify:

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(e) How do you follow up on children's progress and performance in the programme?

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(f) What are the outcomes of the programme?

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(g) How do you measure the impact of the programme?

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(h) What lessons and/or challenges have you learnt in terms of developing and providing interventions for children?

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(i) Is this programme replicable and/or scaleable? If so how?

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(j) What makes this programme sustainable i.e. How do you maintain the continuity of this programme through your model?

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SECTION 5: MOTIVATION

(a) Indicate why this programme should be considered for the ECD Award Best ECD Non-Centre Based Programme.

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(b) Describe a typical day in your interaction with children in this programme.

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Entry submitted by (Full names):

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Position:

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Contact details (landline, cell and other alternative):

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Signature:

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COMPETITION RULES

- The nomination process will open 15 August 2016 and deadline for submissions is 14 October 2016, 14h00. No late entries will be accepted.
- Previous winners are not eligible to enter the competition for two years from the year of winning.
- A winner in each category will be announced at the National Awards Ceremony.
- Winners will be interviewed and featured in the media.
- The competition is subject to cancellation by the organisers through a public announcement.

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