



BEST ECD CENTRE OF THE YEAR

DEFINITION: Any building or premises maintained or used, either for profit or not for gain, for the admission, protection and temporary or partial care of more than six children away from their parents. Depending on registration, an ECD centre can admit babies, toddlers and/or pre-school children. The term ECD centre can refer to a crèche, day care centre for young children, a pre-school, and/or after school care. Exclusions include Grade R classes attached to a school; home based centres or play groups not registered with the Department of Social Development.

SA ECD AWARDS: CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Considering the South African Government's commitment to recognise 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 contributes 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.



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ECD AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY: ECD CENTRE OF THE YEAR

SECTION 1: GENERAL DETAILS OF THE CENTRE

Name of Centre:		ID number of the Cook:	
Name of the Cook:			
Manager of the Centre:		E-mail address:	
Year established:		No. of children:	
Physical address:		Town:	Province:
		Municipality 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) How many children are registered with your site/centre?

PROFILE OF CHILDREN REGISTERED:

Children	Male	Female	Children with disabilities
0-18 months			
18 months - 3 years			
3 - 4 years			
4+ years			
Grade R			
TOTAL			

(b) For children who have a disability, please list the type of disability and number of children on the table provided below:

Type of disability	Number of children

(c) List the languages spoken by all the children at your site/centre

Language/s	Number of children

(d) What is the language of instruction at your site/centre?

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SECTION 3: PERSONNEL/STAFF

Full names	Level of training	Experience in years	Duties
Practitioner 1:			
Practitioner 2:			
Practitioner 3:			
Practitioner 4:			
Additional practitioners:			
Cook (s):			
Gardener (s):			
Cleaner (s):			
Volunteer (2)			
Administration staff:			
Other (specify):			
TOTAL STAFF			

SECTION 4: INFORMATION ON THE SITE/CENTRE

4.1 GOVERNANCE

- (a) Does the site/centre have a governing committee? YES NO
- (b) Does the governing committee consist of parents of children who attend the site/centre? YES NO

4.2 REGISTRATION

Is the site/centre registered with the following bodies/departments? YES NO

Registration number of centre:

- (a) Department of Social Development (NPO registration)
- (b) Department of Social Development (Centre registration)

4.3 ADMINISTRATION

(a) List the documents and/or registers that you keep at your site/centre, and indicate their relevance/purpose on the table provided below:

Document (s):	Purpose:

4.4 NUTRITION

(a) How do you plan for meals at your site/centre, and how does the plan benefit the children? (Attach a menu)

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(b) What other considerations are taken into account when it comes to nutrition in relation to safety and hygiene?

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(c) Does your site/centre have a food garden?

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(d) How else does your site/centre obtain food?

Please describe:

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4.5 MANAGEMENT OF ACTIVE LEARNING

(a) Do you have a daily programme? Describe the relevance of activities towards the development of the children (Attach a daily programme)

(c) What is displayed in the classrooms and what is its importance?

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(d) What activities or method does the site/centre use for large motor development?

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(f) What activities or methods does the site/centre use for cognitive development?

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(g) Does the site / centre make provision for reading and book interaction? YES NO

(h) Name the developmental areas you have in your classrooms

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4.7 HEALTH AND SAFETY

(a) What health and safety measures, precautions and equipment does the site/centre have?

(b) Does the site/centre have an emergency plan? Please describe in detail.

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4.8 FUNDING

(a) Where does the site/centre get its funding?

Name of funder	Amount per annum

(b) Does the site/centre charge fees? If so, how much?

SECTION 5: MOTIVATION

Explain in your own words, and in a language of your choice, reasons why your ECD Centre should be considered for the South African ECD Awards. Use the following as guidelines for your motivation (maximum one page A4 attachment).

- Describe the work of the centre.
- Describe the centre relationship with other community structures (such as police etc.)
- Describe the attendance of workshops/training related to ECD.
- Describe why this centre should win (motivate)
- If the centre were to win, how will the prize money be used?

SECTION 6: REFERENCES

List two references with their contact details

Name: Contact Details:

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Entry submitted by (Full names): Position:

Contact details (landline, cell and other alternative): Signature:

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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