



## BEST ECD NUTRITION PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR

**DEFINITION:** Rapid improvement in health and nutrition in young children may be ascribed to deliberate health and nutrition related interventions. A nutrition programme that is centre based should be designed in such a way that improves the nutritional status of children and contributes to their optimal growth and development. The ECD centre should be 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 the 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.

### ENTER NOW

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:** ECD NUTRITION PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR

## SECTION 1: GENERAL DETAILS OF THE CENTRE/SITE

Name of Centre:		ID number of the Cook:	
Name of the Cook:			
Manager of the Centre:		E-mail address:	
Year established:		Physical address: 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
0-6 months			
6-18 months			
18 months - 3 years			
3 - 4 years			
4+ years			
Grade R			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

(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) Which language/s do you teach or communicate at your site/centre?

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## SECTION 3: PERSONNEL/STAFF OF THE CENTRE

(a) Category Level of training/experience/duties (list)

Category	Practitioner 1	Practitioner 2	Practitioner 3	Other: Specify
Level of training				
Years of experience				
Overall duties				

(b) Other Staff

Category of staff	Cleaner	Cook	Gardener	Volunteers
Number of staff				
Total				

**SECTION 4: INFORMATION OF 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**

- (a) Is the site/centre registered with the Department of Social Development? Please tick

NPO Registration	
ECD Partial Care Registration	

(b)What is the registration number? .....

**SECTION 5: NUTRITION PROGRAMME**

(a) Where are children’s meals prepared at the centre? .....

(b) What forms of energy do you use to prepare meals for children at the centre? (E.g. gas/electricity)

(c) What equipment do you use to prepare meals for children at the centre?.....

(d) How many meals do you provide a day?.....

(e) What do you feed to infants below six months? (Please indicate feeding methods, feeding utensils and times)

(f) What foods and drinks do you give to children above 6 months (Attach a menu indicating feeding times?)

(g) Describe the process you follow to ensure food safety from purchasing the food until the food is given to the child

(Please attach pictures of your food preparation area and food storage area)

(h) What are the operating times (opening time and closing time) of the centre? .....

(i) How does the food given to children at your centre contribute to their growth and development?

(j) Do your children at the centre have allergies? (Please attach a list of allergies on a separate sheet of paper)

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

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

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(m) Do all the children at the centre have a Road to Health Card? YES  NO

Give reasons why if not the case: .....

**SECTION 6: FUNDING OF THE NUTRITION PROGRAMME**

(a) Where does the site/centre get its funding to ensure that children are properly fed?

Name of funder	Amount per annum

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

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**SECTION 7: MOTIVATION**

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

**SECTION 8: REFERENCES**

List two references with their contact details.

Name and organisation:	Name and organisation:
Contact telephone number:	Contact telephone number:
Relationship:	Relationship:

Entry submitted by:

Position:

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Name

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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