



BEST ECD PROGRAMME THAT SUPPORTS BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

DEFINITION: An early childhood development programme that supports babies and young children with disabilities from birth to school-going age (maximum age of seven (7) years) in an appropriate and inclusive manner. The programme must be registered with the competent authorities. Exclusions: Grade R classes, or any programme attached to a school. Programmes entered in any of the other categories of these Awards.

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.

ECD AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY: BEST EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME THAT SUPPORT BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

SECTION 1: CONTACT DETAILS

Name of programme:		E-mail address:	
Contact person:		ID Number:	
Number of children enrolled:		Centre Manager:	
Physical address:		Town:	
		Province:	
Municipality :		Post code:	
Postal address :		E-mail 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: MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

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

If YES, what are their responsibilities?

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If NO, how is your programme managed or governed?

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(b) Does the management and governing committee consist of parents of children with disabilities and/or members of the public with disabilities? YES NO

Explain:

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SECTION 3: PROGRAMME INFORMATION

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

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(d) What does the programme aim to achieve regarding babies and young children with disabilities?

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(e) How long has the programme been operational?

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(f) What makes this programme inclusive and supportive of babies and young children with disabilities? Please indicate clearly the nature (kind) of disabilities that children have and number of children per specific kind of disabilities in the programme.

Disability	Number of children

(g) Explain briefly how play based early learning and development is used in this programme

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(h) Is this programme replicable and/or scalable? YES NO

If so how?

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(i) Answer only if applicable: Does the programme implement the Department of Basic Education's National Curriculum for children from Birth to seven years? YES NO

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation how this is done.

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

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(k) What is the duration of contact with participating beneficiaries? How do you follow up on beneficiaries?

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(l) How do you measure the impact of this programme on babies and young children with disabilities?

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(m) How do you follow up on beneficiaries progress and performance in the programme?

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

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(o) What lessons and/or challenges have you learnt in terms of developing and providing interventions for babies and young children with disabilities?

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SECTION 4: MOTIVATION

Indicate in maximum 200 words why this programme should be considered for the ECD Award Best Early Childhood Development Programme that supports babies and young children with disabilities:

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Describe a typical day in your interaction with your target group in this programme.

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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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