



the NECDA MONTHLY

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from our BOARD



Dear NECDA Members,

The President, Cyril Ramaphosa, announced during the State of Nation State Address (SONA) in May 2019, that 'Government would

be migrating the responsibility of Early Childhood Development from Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education and proceed with the process towards two years of compulsory ECD for all children before they enter Grade 1'.

The Collaboration of ECD Networks (CECDN), comprising of NECDA, Bridge and the SA ECD Congress are hosting provincial dialogues to solicit input from civil society to ascertain and capture the ECD sector's understanding, the potential risks and the opportunities that the proposed shift may bring. A position paper will be produced and disseminated after concluding the consultation dialogues.

CECDN thanks the DG Murray Trust (our funder) and the ECD sector for their participation in these workshops.

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NECDA is part of the Steering Committee for the National Consultative Process mandated to host dialogues relating to the function shift of ECD from DSD to DBE. Thank you to our NECDA members that hosted the KZN and Gauteng dialogues: TREE and Cotlands. A total of 439 delegates attended the 4 consultations held thus far.



KZN Dialogue: Facilitated by Ruby Motaung



Gauteng Dialogue: Facilitated by Rex Molefe

NECDA's members are invited to attend the upcoming capacity building workshops. The programme includes guiding training providers to complete the documentation required to register with Department of Higher Education and Training by 31 March 2020. The second part of the workshop is focused on capacitating members on how to populate information about their organisation and services onto *WaziMapECD* using *WaziCapture*. This will create a visual map of where ECD services are being offered in South Africa.

- **23 October** in **Eastern Cape** from from 8.30am -3.30pm at *ITEC*, 8 Park Avenue, East London
- **29 October** in **Western Cape** from 8.30am - 3.30pm at *FCW*, Early Learning Centre Building, Springbok, Kewtown, Athlone
- **29 October** in **Limpopo** from 8.30am- 3.30pm at *Thusanang' Trust*, G5 Ebenezer Dam Road off R71, Haenertsburg
- **30 October** in **Free State** from 8.30am - 3.30pm at *Ntataise Trust*, 1617 Stand, Rammolutsi Township

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In March 2019, SAQA revised the National Policy and Criteria for the Implementation of Recognition of Prior Learning (Amended in March 2019). Access this document [here](#).

NECDA is eager to hear how members are implementing this policy. Email your understanding, suggestions and learned experience with RPL to:

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NECDA diary

Civil Society National Consultation around function shift from DSD to DBE:

- **15 October** in North West from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Venue (to be advised)
- **16 October** in Northern Cape from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Venue (to be advised)
- **30 October** in Western Cape from 9.00am to 3.30pm at *FCW* (Cape Town)
- **31 October** in Eastern Cape from 9.00am to 3.30pm at *ITEC* (East London)

28 October to 1 November: NECDA Alliance Curriculum Training of Trainers – Eastern Cape

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The [South African Early Childhood Review 2019](#) which curates and analyses over 50 data indicators across the Essential Package of services is available. This is a joint publication between Ilifa Labantwana, the Children's Institute, the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, Grow Great and Innovation Edge.

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"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it" *Pablo Picasso*