

## *Youth gets trained on Substance Abuse*



In her 2012/13 budget speech MEC Ntombela said there is need to train workers who will strengthen the capacity of the current NPOs to render prevention services on substance abuse in our communities.

A training programme was then arranged for 150 NPO Workers delivering Substance Abuse Prevention across the province to equip them with knowledge and skills to facilitate awareness and educational programmes. The training had modules which dealt with education programme on substance abuse to children, peer pressure, life skills and public speaking in order to instil confidence in our youth for them to deal with social problems whilst they are still young.

Aurora Alcohol and Drug Centre was appointed to facilitate the training which started in March until the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2013 on the approved National programme called Kemoja I am Fine Without Drugs. “Ke Moja I am fine without Drugs” is a National campaign which is done to raise awareness among South Africans, young and old, about the dangers of drug abuse.

Drug Trafficking and consumption of drugs has been increasing drastically over the past years, these days we see children as young as 10 drinking and using drugs. So, for the Department to be able to raise awareness about drugs, it is important that they have well trained and informed people to help them deliver the message.

Mr Tellang Senti from Albetina Sesulu CBO in Jacobsdal, Xhariep District said that he was very glad to be part of the training. “Substance abuse is a huge issue in Jacobsdal and I strongly believe that with the skills I have acquired from this training I’ll be able to go back to my home town and help fight this substance abuse issue”, said Tellang.

25 Supervisors from Social Development will also be trained on how to monitor, evaluate and support all youth NPO workers.