

SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS 2011/2012

CATEGORY OF SERVICE: CHILDREN

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: SHELTERS FOR CHILDREN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

DISTRICT: ALL DISTRICTS

AREA

Name of Town(s)	
------------------------	--

AIM

Aim of Service/Project	A shelter programme for children in difficult circumstances.
-------------------------------	--

SERVICES REQUIRED

Target Group (s)	Children between the ages of 9 and 18 years
-------------------------	---

OBJECTIVES AND OUTPUTS REQUIRED

Objective (s)	Output(s)
To provide a shelter for children in especially difficult circumstances or street children as part of a continuum of services.	<p>The aims of the programme should focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the children's physical, social, emotional mental, physiological and spiritual needs. • Promotion of the children's quality of life and a healthy life style • Family reunification services to children and families that resides in the immediate area of the children's home. • Meeting the Minimum Standards of the SA Child and Youth Care System. • Meeting the requirements of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005) as amended by Act 41 of 2007 and its Regulations on shelters • Enhance the quality of the children's lives at all levels <p>Type of Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of children • Basic Physical care • Medical care • Access to social work services

- Access to formal and informal education
- Life and social skills Education
- School Attendance
- Information and Education
- Holiday Programmes
- Leisure and Recreation Programmes
- Networking with reunification and after care services with a view of planning the child's future and permanency.
- Recruitment, selection and training of volunteers.
- Outreach programmes and services to the community

Work methods:

- Developmental Group Care
- Developmental Assessment
- Professional methods in accordance with each discipline involved
- Child and youth care practice
- Management and administration
- Adequate supervision of staff
- Use of personnel and volunteers

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/CONDITIONS FOR SHELTERS

- Shelters shall be registered in terms of the provisions of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act 38 of 2005) as amended by Act 41 of 2007 as prescribed.
- Shelters shall not accommodate more than 60 children. Preference shall be given to smaller shelters.
- Shelters shall be part of a continuum of services that includes street work and drop-in centres.
- Shelters shall only provide for the temporary accommodation of children.
- Child and youth care worker in shelters shall have a recognised qualification in child and youth care work or is at least enrolled in such a recognised course.

ENQUIRIES

DISTRICT OFFICE OFFICIAL
Official:
Tel Nr:

NOTE: Additional information on this specific service and requirements could be obtained from the relevant legislation, departmental policies, position papers and circulars.

SUBMIT TO:

DISTRICT OFFICES:
Office:
Physical Address:
Official:
Office Nr:

APPROVED:

DISTRICT MANAGER:

DATE: