

Matete Matches Child and Youth Care Centre

According to records, Matete Matches Child and Youth Care centre (previously known as Matete Matches Secure Care Centre) was founded and officially opened on 13th August 1999 and it is reported to be the first Secure Care Model in the Republic of South Africa. Between the periods, 1999 to 2006, the institution was managed by an NGO called Sinodale Kommissie vir die Diens van Barmhartigheid (Dutch Reformed Church, Free State) and from 2006 to date the Free State Provincial Department of Social Development took over the management and administration of the institution.

Services and Programmes offered by Matete Matches Child and Youth Care Centre

Informed by the applicable legislative and policy and strategic framework including but not limited to the Section 191 of the Children's Act 38 of 2005, the Blueprint Norms and Standards for Secure Care in RSA and Section 29 of the Child Justice Act 75 of 2008, the following services are rendered by Matete Matches Child and Youth Care Centre;

1. Custodial care and support to awaiting trial detainees (provision of clothing, toiletries and bedding range)
2. Child and Youth care Services (life skills, developmental programmes, religious services and art and cultural activities).
3. Health Care services (health assessments, health talks and education, in-house nursing care and treatment and referral to external health facilities)
4. Social Work services (assessments, court support, emotional support therapeutic services and activities and referral)
5. Educational Services (English language and Communication literacy, Computer Literacy and Basic Numeracy skills)
6. Meals and food nutrition services (serving three meals and two snacks per child per day)
7. Administration support and Auxiliary service
8. In-house Security Services
9. Household keeping, laundry and grounds maintenance services

MATETE MATCHES OPEN DAY

During 2015, Matete Matches held an Open Day session on the 20th November 2015. The purpose of the event was to highlight the incident of crime in the society using a Prayer session as a communication method and also to create an opportunity for the detained children to interact with different stakeholders, Lawyers from Legal Aid South Africa, Probation officers and their parents and primary care givers from all districts and members of the community. Children were entertained through motivational speaking, music and dance and they also rendered few items including a poem and gumboots dance.

MATETE MATCHES STAFF AWARDS 2015

The concept of Staff Awards originated from the **Matete Matches three years Turnaround Strategy** which commenced during 2009 and ended during 2012. Succinctly, the strategy dealt with issues such as boosting of staff morale and the staff recognition awards was identified as a key driver in this effort.

The 2015 MASA epitomized not only the recognition of contributions towards the objectives of the institution by employees but focused on excellence, amplification of a competitive edge and stimulation of a desire for perfection. Awards were bestowed to the following officials in line with applicable categories;

CATEGORY	WINNER	MOTIVATION
1. Employee of the year	Mr. M. Maraba	In recognition of achieving and winning the Employee of the Year category
2. Best dressed male employee of the year	Mr. X.K. Yawa	In recognition of achieving and winning the Best Dressed Male Employee of the Year category
3. Best dressed female employee of the year	Ms. T. Mtirara	In recognition of achieving and winning the Best Dressed Female Employee of the Year category
4. Child and youth care learner of the year	Ms. Motloug	In recognition of achieving and winning the Child and Youth Care Learner of the Year category
5. Most creative and innovative employee of the year	Mr. P. Konyana	In recognition of achieving and winning the Most Creative and Innovative Employee of the Year category
6. Mr. Congeniality of the year	Mr. Rananai	In recognition of achieving and winning the Mr. Congeniality of the Year category
7. Ms. Congeniality of the year	Ms. T. Mtirara	In recognition of achieving and winning the Ms. Congeniality of the Year category
8. Child care team of the year	Team A	In recognition of achieving and winning the Child Care Team of the Year category
9. Security service team of the year	Team C	In recognition of achieving and winning the Security Service Team of the Year category
10. Administration and professional service team of the year	Household keeping	In recognition of achieving and winning the Administration and Professional Service Team of the Year category
11. Most Improved Employee of the Year	Mr. B. Maphalala	Manager's discretionary award: In recognition and appreciation for being the Most Improved Employee of the Year
12. Public Service Loyalty Award	Mr. Yawa Mr. Rananai Mr. Mahlatsi Ms. Jordaan Mr. Maraba	Manager's discretionary award In recognition and appreciation for demonstrating resolute and consistent Public Service Loyalty