

# SOCDEV Creates More Jobs

Social Work is a profession that makes a difference in the pursuit of building a Caring Society. A profession that is so important to most organisations particularly the Department of Social Development. Without Social Workers the Department will not be able to achieve its goal which is, “to meet the human and social needs of the poor and vulnerable communities of the Free State through an inter- sectoral and integrated developmental social service”.

Due to the importance and scarcity of Social Workers, the Department of Social Development is encouraging people to study Social Work and provide funding for those who wish to pursue the profession, with the aim of recruiting them once they are qualified.

The Department recently appointed 38 Social Workers who all attended a four day induction programme at the Protea Hotel in Bloemfontein. The programme was very important for the group as it was meant to prepare them well for the workplace. The induction programme was conducted by the HRD team led by Me Jane Buffel , in order for the new appointees to have a clear understanding of what the Department of Social Development is all about, different components within the Department also made presentation about services they render.



***Acting HOD Mr WJ Linstrom handing out appointment letters to newly appointed Social Workers***

The Social Workers received their appointment letters on the 05<sup>th</sup> of April (the last day of the induction programme), which were handed out by the Acting HOD for the Department of Social Development Mr. WJ Linstrom and Executive Manger for Research and Population Mr. LJ Mosuhli. They all commenced work in their respective districts on the 08<sup>th</sup> of April 2013.

On behalf of everyone here at the Department of Social Development, we would like to welcome them and wish them all the best.