

SOCDEV HONOURS ECD PRACTITIONERS

One can never underestimate the importance of Early Childhood Development. Young children learn quiet a lot during their first 6 years. This is why it is so important for the country to have skilled and dedicated ECD Practitioners who will groom the children to become the best future colleagues, leaders, neighbours and care giver.

As part of the its Expanded Public Works Programme (Social Sector), the Department of Social Development appointed South African National Tutor Services (SANTS) for the training of ECD practitioners in NQF Level 4. The eighteen months training was conducted in all five districts within the Free State at beginning of November 2011. On May 7, 2013 a graduation ceremony was held for 133 practitioners who completed their training on Further Education and Training in ECD NQF Level 4. The ECD practitioners also received stipends from the Department of Social Development during their 18 months' training.



Crowning one of the graduates - Executive Chair Person of SANTS Mr Glenn Abrahams.

The graduates looked amazingly beautiful and were very excited to obtain their qualifications. Ms Lebone Winnie, one of the graduates from Qwaqwa thanked SANTS and the Department of Social Development for supporting them and giving them this wonderful opportunity, “We promise to implement everything we have learned”.



Winnie Lebone giving a word of thanks on behalf of all graduates

Mr W Linstrom, Acting HOD for Social Development congratulated the graduates, “you have a great deal to look forward to, as many interesting and gratifying opportunities await you”.



