

LESEDI EDUCARE ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



*25 Years of making a difference
where it matters most . . .
. . . to young children
1993 - 2018*



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***CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHERE IT MATTERS MOST . . .
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*“History will judge us by the difference we make
in the everyday lives of our children.”*

Nelson Mandela

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK . . .

(Extracts from the Director’s address at Lesedi’s Celebratory Lunch, 13 April 2018)

. . . “When I reflect back on the last 25 years it is difficult to believe that from very small beginnings, Lesedi has developed into the organisation that it is today, with such a significant outreach to communities and above all, to young children. We are reaching just over 10 000 young children each year through the various programmes in our Integrated ECD Care Package. And this is in no small way because of the commitment, dedication and loyalty of the Lesedi Board and all Lesedi Staff. It is because of you all that we are where we are today - you have all played your part in building the organisation and its programmes.

The journey we have travelled over the past 25 years has been an amazing one – at times it has been a bumpy road, we have climbed many mountains and also gone through many valleys, but always, we have come out on top! And this is because we have never lost sight of our core purpose and our reason for being - to make a difference where it matters most to young children. We have kept our eyes firmly on our Vision - that “all young children should have access to a gentle, just and stimulating childhood”. This has been our vision from the very beginning in 1993 and it is still our vision. Over the past 25 years our programmes have always reflected this vision and our commitment to making the world a better place for our youngest citizens. Deep concern for the well-being of young children has dictated the direction which the organisation’s programmes have taken over the years, and this concern is at the core of every step which Lesedi takes.

The past 25 years have seen many changes in the ECD sector and we are still experiencing many changes. Change can be painful, but Lesedi staff have always embraced change positively and with great commitment – a commitment that has been driven by the need to make a difference at all levels, by the need to provide the best possible training, education and support services in order to increase access to quality early learning opportunities for young children , and above all, the need to ensure that the best interests of young children are put first, and that children remain at the top of every agenda!

In celebrating the achievements of the past 25 years, we must also acknowledge and thank the many friends who have supported us and walked the road with us. We need to sincerely thank our funders both past and present, for without their generosity and continued belief in the work that we are doing, we would not be reaching and making a difference to so many young children and their families.

Over the years we have greatly valued our relationship with our Free State Government Departments and have always enjoyed working and networking with our colleagues in the ECD field and especially our colleagues in the Free State. It is always such a privilege to share ideas and to learn from one another, knowing that we are united in our concern for the well-being of young children. And most importantly, I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our practitioners who work every day in the front line with young children, often under extremely difficult circumstances. And finally I would like to thank our communities for inspiring us and giving us hope, as they provide for their young children, sometimes against overwhelming odds.” *(Christine Waldie)*



HIGHLIGHTS DURING 2018 . . .

This year has again been exceptionally busy, exciting and inspiring. It has also been a time of exceptional organisational growth and strengthening, with the addition of 3 exciting new initiatives: a new additional Mobile ECD Unit which operates from Edenburg and provides services to children and families in 7 rural Xhariep towns, the setting up of 4 book-lending libraries to enable our Bus and Mobile Unit playgroup children to enjoy having fun with books at home, and the appointment of Lesedi as a Regional Franchisor for the SmartStart ECD Franchise.

- **Lesedi's 25th Birthday!** On 13 April 2018, Lesedi staff and our Lesedi Board of Directors had a celebratory lunch together to mark this very special milestone in the organisation's history!
- **Delivery of extra Bright Kid Foundation Edutainers :** There was great excitement when 2 extra fully equipped classroom containers were delivered to Boipelo ECD Centre in Thaba Nchu on 22 February 2018, and to Iketletseng Day Care Centre also in Thaba Nchu, on 27 February 2018. A fully equipped Edutainer was also delivered to Amohelang Day Care Centre in Ladybrand on 02 October 2018.
- **First Rand Foundation CSI Breakfast, Johannesburg: 27 Feb. 2018:** Lesedi's MD attended this function together with our Lesedi Board Chairperson. Christine gave a presentation on the FRF's 4 month Sabbatical Award and how it helped Lesedi with strengthening leadership at all levels for succession planning.
- **DHET Advocacy Workshop : 28 Feb 2018:** This workshop focussed on minimum requirements for programmes leading to qualifications in Higher Education for Early Childhood Educators. Our ECD Co-ordinator and Community Development Co-ordinator attended this workshop which was specifically for Free State participants.
- **Early Learning Outcomes Measure (ELOM) Study:** Lesedi is participating in this 2 year Research Study which measures the impact of programmes on the overall development of young children. During March 2018, the initial baseline assessment took place, with 80 of our bus playgroup children participating. From 06–08 August 2018, our M&E Co-ordinator attended the ELOM Learning Seminar in Cape Town. From 05–30 November 2018, our 80 playgroup children participated in the follow-up assessment, and we are awaiting feedback on assessment outcomes.
- **Equal Education Law Centre Roundtable Discussion, Cape Town: 16 March 2018:** Lesedi's MD attended this key discussion which focussed on the many South African children, who because of their life circumstances, are unable to access quality ECD provision. There was much discussion around the National Integrated ECD Policy and translating this into reality at "grassroots" level, as well as the need for "formal" recognition of non-centre based programmes eg. through possible amendments to the Children's Act.

- **SmartStart ECD Social Franchise:** Following our appointment as a Regional Franchisor during July 2018, a Lesedi SmartStart Coach (Teboho Makhetha) was appointed who will be responsible for managing the programme, together with our Deputy Director, Modupi Mazibuko, who is the Project Lead. This is an exciting step and addition to our programme outreach and will be managed with and will complement our other programmes. We recently had the first start-up training for 61 SmartStarters from Bloemfontein and Botshabelo, and we look forward to being part of the process as it unfolds further. In addition, Lesedi hosted the SmartStart Regional Launch on 23 October 2018. Our Deputy Director attended the National SmartStart Launch in Johannesburg on 14 November 2018.
- **African Music Workshop 07 – 08 June 2018:** This was a very exciting and inspirational workshop attended by our Playgroup Co-ordinator, Anastasia Sejane, and one of our Bus Playgroup facilitators.
- **Play-Based Learning Conference,** Bloemfontein, 10 July 2018: Our ECD Co-ordinator and Community Development Co-ordinator attended this on behalf of Lesedi. It was sponsored and supported by UNICEF, DBE, FS Dept. Education and the Lego Foundation.
- **Mandela Day Celebration, 18 July 2018:** This was a very special day for 60 of our Bus Playgroup children. They were taken on an exciting picnic outing to the Naval Hill Nature Conservancy where they saw the very impressive statue of Nelson Mandela which overlooks Bloemfontein! Another exciting outing was a visit to the Military History Museum on 08 October 2018, by children from Bus L003.
- **Verification of 102 Practitioners 02-03 August 2018:** We were delighted when the ETDP-SETA external moderator successfully verified the learner achievements of 71 ECD Practitioners and 31 ECD Outreach Practitioners for their respective Level 4 Qualifications.
- **Visitors from the Netherlands:** On 13 August we welcomed Julia and Gerrit Bunt and their 2 children! They visited our Bus Playgroups and we had a very happy and inspiring day with them.
- **Ntataise Conference, Johannesburg, 20 – 22 August 2018:** This was attended by 4 Lesedi staff members and was a very informative and inspiring conference with many relevant and topical ECD issues being covered by the presentations.
- **PIECECE Project Dialogue, Bloemfontein, 10 – 11 Sept. 2018:** This was hosted by Ntataise and SAIDE. The dialogue was attended by representatives from 5 Universities and centred around a professional career path for ECD practitioners. Lesedi hosted the visitors on Day 2, visiting our Bus Playgroups, 2 community ECD Centres and Lesedi ECD Enrichment training.
- **Play-to-Learn Workshop, Greytown KZN, 10 – 14 Sept 2018:** This fun-filled exciting workshop was attended by our Playgroup Co-ordinator and one of our Playgroup Facilitators. They both returned filled with new ideas!
- **SHARE Conference, Johannesburg, 15 – 19 October 2018,** hosted by Kinderfonds : This excellent conference, was attended by Lesedi’s MD, Playgroup Co-ordinator and one of our Playgroup facilitators. Lesedi’s MD facilitated a workshop session on “nurturing a love of reading and books”, based on our 4 book-lending libraries, which were established during 2018 on our 2 Come-&-Play Buses and 2 Mobile ECD Units.
- **Khululeka, Queenstown, 30th Birthday, 19 October 2018:** Our Deputy Director attended this celebration on our behalf. Khululeka has been a close ECD colleague for many years!
- **Na’li Bali Meetings at Lesedi Office, 07 & 22 November 2018:** Discussion centred around partnering with Na’li Bali during 2019 to promote a love of books and reading through all our programmes. They are especially keen to work with our playgroup children and parents to form “reading and story telling clubs” in between playgroup sessions. This fits in very well with our 4 new book lending libraries.
- **First Rand Foundation Research Interview, 22 November 2018:** This centred around the “mainstreaming” of children with disabilities and special needs. The 2 researchers were very keen to learn how we are supporting the inclusion of children with disabilities through all our programmes, and 2 of our Bus Playgroup Facilitators were able to contribute very significantly to this dialogue, as they are already making simple adaptations to their playgroup activities to include children with disabilities.
- **Radio Slots:** Our Playgroup Co-ordinator, Anastasia Sejane, has continued with regular radio slots each Tuesday evening on SABC’s Lesedi FM, where she has been interviewed on a wide variety of ECD topics as well as on issues affecting the well-being, health, care and protection of young children.

- **Other initiatives in which we participated during 2018:**

- 23 January 2018: ETDP-SETA meeting, Bloemfontein, re Workplace Skills Plan
- 13 March 2018: ECD Community of Practice Meeting, Johannesburg
- 14 March 2018: National ECD Alliance meeting, Johannesburg, re registration with the DHET.
- 22 March 2018: Ntataise Network Directors' Meeting, Johannesburg
- 06 June 2018: National ECD Alliance Annual General Meeting, Johannesburg
- 13 June 2018: ETDP-SETA meeting, Bloemfontein, re new Indicium database.
- 12/13 July 2018: Distribution of INVESTEC Toy Boxes in Bloemfontein and Thaba Nchu
- 24 August 2018: Meeting with Deputy Director, COGTA (Bloemfontein) re possibility of CWP stipends for SmartStarters
- 21 Sept. 2018: FS ECD Forum meeting, Bloemfontein.
- 06 Nov. 2018: Meeting re Implementation Plan for the National Integrated ECD Policy: Bloemfontein (hosted by National Dept. Social Development)
- 26 Nov. 2018: ETDP-SETA: 2019/2020 WSPR Mobilisation Workshop, Bloemfontein
- 27 Nov. 2018: Dialogue on the Co-ordination of ECD Services, Benoni: (hosted by the National Education Collaboration Trust)
- 29 Nov 2018: Ntataise Network Director's meeting, Johannesburg
- 06 Dec. 2018: Provincial ECD Awards, Bloemfontein



"You never stand so tall as when you stoop to help a child!"



TRAINING PROGRAMME 2018 : SUMMARY

- **ECD:**

- Number of Level 4 Qualification Courses 42
- Number of Enrichment Programme Sessions 21 x 5-day Hub sessions
(including making improvised toys from waste materials) 21 x 2-day workshops
- Number of ECD Practitioners in training 229
(165 in Level 4 training + 64 in Enrichment Training)
- Number of ECD Practitioners verified for Level 4 71
- ECD Practitioners reached in 2018: (165 + 64 + 71) 300
- Geographical areas reached: Bloemfontein, Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu, Clocolan, Ficksburg, Thaba Patchoa, Hobhouse, Tweespruit, Sterkspruit, Zastron, Soutpan, Bultfontein

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

- Number of Level 4 Com. Dev. Core Courses 21
- Number of Strengthening & Capacity Building sessions 26
- Number of ECD Outreach Practitioners in training 124
- Number of ECD Outreach Practitioners verified for Level 4
Community Development Core 31
- ECD Outreach Practitioners reached in 2018 (124 + 31) 155
- Geographical areas reached: Bloemfontein, Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu, Tweespruit, Ladybrand, Sterkspruit.

- **DIRECT OUTREACH: Come-and-Play Buses and Mobile ECD Units Structured Playgroup Programme:**

- **Child and Parent attendance:** Throughout 2018 our 4 Come-and-Play Bus Playgroup Facilitators have facilitated 16 x 2,5 hour regular weekly structured playgroup sessions (8 per bus) in 10 informal settlement communities on the outskirts of Bloemfontein. 443 children outside ECD were reached regularly and 283 parents/caregivers were reached through UNICEF parent sessions.

Our Mobile ECD Unit#1's two Playgroup Facilitators have facilitated 8 regular weekly structured playgroups in communities in 4 rural Xhariep District towns : Zastron, Smithfield, Rouxville, and Van Stadensrus as well as in the isolated community of Boesmanskop. 198 children outside ECD were reached regularly, and 180 parents / caregivers were reached through UNICEF parent sessions.

Our new Mobile ECD Unit#2, based in Edenburg, became fully operational as from mid Sept. 2018 and 8 regular weekly structured playgroups were facilitated in 7 rural communities in the Xhariep district: Edenburg, Reddersburg, Trompsburg, Phillipolis, Jagersfontein, Fauresmith and Springfontein. 162 children outside ECD were reached and 122 parents/caregivers. (UNICEF parent sessions for the new mobile will start in 2019).

A total of 803 children were therefore reached during 2018, with 585 parents/caregivers being reached.

All Bus and Mobile Unit playgroup children received fortified porridge and a nutritious snack at each playgroup session. We were also able to distribute packets of donated soup mix to each family during October/November 2018.

- **Parent Kits:** The 120 Lesedi Parent Kits distributed through the Buses and Mobile ECD Unit 1 are being enjoyed at home and used to full advantage to encourage early learning at home.
- **Child Assessments:** Playgroup Facilitators have assessed and recorded children's progress and development. All 3- 5 year olds have been assessed twice with those going to Primary School during 2019 having had 3 assessments. Assessment outcomes have shown that overall progress in all 5 domains of development is very satisfactory with cognitive development having shown marked improvement, especially with the groups going to school in 2019, which is very gratifying. 80 Bus Playgroup children participated in the Baseline and Follow up Assessment for the ELOM Research Study. During December, 109 children graduated from the Bus and Mobile Unit 1 playgroups to go to Primary School.
- **House visits:** During 2018, house visits have focussed on supporting especially vulnerable children and families and our Bus and Mobile ECD Unit Teams have visited and supported 9 playgroup families in particular, who experienced extremely difficult and challenging life circumstances.
- **Children without birth registration and birth certificates:** this is an on-going challenge. We have had a number of children in the playgroups who are over-age and should be at primary school. Their families are from neighbouring countries and neither parents nor children have ID documentation / birth registration. We have been doing our best to assist and support these families in whatever way we can.
- **Children with disabilities:** Every effort has been made to include children with disabilities and to enable them to join in playgroup activities. Our Playgroup Facilitators have been making simple adaptations which enable children with disabilities to happily participate and enjoy playgroup activities with their peers. Our Bus and Mobile Unit Playgroup Facilitators have been particularly supportive of 9 young children with various disabilities.
- **4 small book lending libraries:** These became fully operational during 2018. We have been making full use of the beautiful books to enhance our playgroup activities and sessions, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the books during playgroup activities. But the primary purpose of the libraries is to enable children to take books home with them to enjoy at home in between playgroup sessions.

Parents have been very positive about the books and have thoroughly enjoyed them with their children. Children have also been learning how to take care of the books and tell stories, but above all, how to have fun with books! We look forward to partnering with Na'li Bali during 2019.

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"It is my wish that the voice of the storyteller will never die in Africa, that all children in the world may experience the wonder of books, and that they will never lose the capacity to enlarge their earthly dwelling place with the magic of stories".



Nelson Mandela

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CURRENT STATUS:

ECD Practitioner Training::

- 236 ECD Practitioners in Level 4 training (including those verified)
- 64 ECD Practitioners in ECD Enrichment Programme
- 9180 Children reached indirectly

Community Development

- 155 ECD Outreach Practitioners : Com Dev. Level 4 + Strengthening & Cap. Building (including those verified)
- 1120 Children reached indirectly

Direct Outreach:

- 443 Children reached directly through 2 Come-and-Play Bus Playgroups
- 360 Children reached directly through 2 Mobile ECD Units Playgroups
- 803 Total children reached
- 463 Parents reached through UNICEF Parent Support Programme (Buses + Mobile ECD Unit#1)
- 122 Parents reached through new Mobile ECD Unit#2
- 585 Total Parents / caregivers reached.

SmartStart:

Targets for Year 1: July 2018 – June 2019

- 100 Trained SmartStarters
- 900 Children outside of ECD to be reached.



STAFF / PERSONNEL:

- ◇ Lesedi presently has 17 full-time staff members and 5 part-time staff members.
- ◇ Staff Development and Capacity Building remains a priority, and during 2018 staff have attended the following:
 - Session on Updating our Lesedi website
 - ECD Enrichment Training (HUB Model)
 - SmartStart Franchise Information Session
 - Workshop on minimum requirements for ECD Qualifications in HET
 - NECDA workshop : registration process with DHET

- EELC Roundtable discussion: legislative + policy frameworks
- Digital Literacy for All
- CDP African Music in ECD Workshop
- ETDP-SETA Indicium Data Base Workshop
- SmartStart Organisational Induction workshop
- SmartStart Induction for Coach, Johannesburg
- ELOM Learning Seminar, Cape Town
- Play to Learn Workshop. LETCEE KZN
- ELOM Training for Follow-up Assessment (UFS)
- First AID Course for Mobile ECD Unit
- ETDP-SETA Workplace Skills Plan Workshop
- National Education Collaboration Trust: Dialogue on the Co-ordination of ECD Services

GOVERNANCE:

- The support and guidance of the Lesedi Board's 6 Directors is greatly valued, not only during Board meetings, but also their willingness to assist and help whenever called upon to do so, is greatly appreciated.
- This was evident when the Board Chairperson, Mr Malebo, accompanied the Lesedi Managing Director to the First Rand Foundation CSI Breakfast in Johannesburg in February 2018, and when Mrs Sebitloane assisted us with the interviews for the Playgroup Facilitators for the new Mobile ECD Unit.

FUNDRAISING:

Lesedi and its many beneficiaries would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our funders and sponsors for their generous support during 2018:

- ★ ANGLO AMERICAN CHAIRMAN'S FUND
- ★ APEX-HI CHARITABLE TRUST
- ★ CHILDWICK TRUST / JIM JOEL FUND
- ★ DAVIES FOUNDATION TRUST
- ★ ELMA FOUNDATION
- ★ ELOM
- ★ ERIC & SHEILA SAMSON FOUNDATION TRUST (through Kinderfonds Mamas)
- ★ FIRST NATIONAL BANK FUND
- ★ HCI FOUNDATION
- ★ INTERSTATE BUS LINES
- ★ KINDERFONDS MAMAS
- ★ MACSTEEL (through Kinderfonds Mamas)
- ★ NECDA / UNICEF
- ★ NTATAISE: Letsatsi Power
- ★ OPPENHEIMER MEMORIAL TRUST
- ★ MRS. S.DONNER & Friends (Netherlands)
- ★ SMARTSTART
- ★ SOLON FOUNDATION SA

Donations in kind:

- ★ AFGRI: Food Parcels (for Lesedi Playgroup families)
- ★ INTERSTATE BUS LINES: Vehicle Fuel, Maintenance & Licensing (i.r.o. Lesedi's 2 Come-&-Play buses)
- ★ SOLON FOUNDATION: Book Dash Books (for Lesedi's Small Lending Libraries)

Visits by Funders:

Visits by our funders are always welcomed, and during 2018 it was a great pleasure to be able to host:

- The ELMA Foundation
- The FNB Fund and Tshikululu
- Kinderfonds Mamas
- Vukani Slots (HCI Foundation)

The visits provided wonderful opportunities for field visits, as well as much valuable time for constructive discussion, sharing and exchange of ideas.



**WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR FUNDERS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BELIEF IN THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING,
AND FOR HELPING US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHERE IT MATTERS MOST . . .
. . . TO YOUNG CHILDREN!**



IN CLOSING:

*Access to a gentle childhood is a right which all children should enjoy,
But in the far-from-ideal world in which we live,
It is the children who suffer most, and a gentle childhood is not theirs to enjoy.
The future of our country, and indeed our world,
Lies in very small hands, and their future lies in our hands!
We all need to make a difference where it matters most . . .
. . . To young children!*

Christine Waldie
Lesedi Educare
May 2018



Complementary to this Annual Report is "A Journey in Pictures through 2018".

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**ECD Enrichment:
Making Resources
course, Bloemfontein
January 2018**

**Zastron Mobile ECD
Unit Playgroup Team,
with Lesedi Parent-kits
for distribution to
Playgroup Parents /
Care-givers,
February 2018**



**Edutainers delivered to 2
ECD centres in Thaba Nchu,
February 2018,
through Lesedi's
partnership with the Bright
Kid Foundation**



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**Level 4 ECD Course,
Clocolan / Ficksburg,
February 2018**

**Level 4 Community
Development written
exams for ECD
Outreach practitioners,
Bloemfontein,
February 2018**



**Lesedi Come-&-Play Bus
Playgroup sessions,
Bloemfontein,
March 2018**



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**Celebrating 25 years
1993 - 2018**

**Lesedi Board, Staff and
guests at a celebratory
lunch, Bloemfontein,
13 April 2018**



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Strengthening & Capacity Building workshop for ECD Outreach Practitioners, Ladybrand, May 2018

Community Development Training Course for ECD Outreach Practitioners, Sterkspruit, May 2018



ECD Enrichment Workshop for ECD Practitioners, Bloemfontein, May 2018

Level 4 ECD Training Course, Sterkspruit, June 2018



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ECD Mobile Unit celebrates Mandela Day at Van Stadensrus Playgroup, 18 July 2018



Picnic outing for Bus Playgroup children to celebrate Mandela Day, 18 July 2018. Statue of Nelson Mandela overlooking Bloemfontein, from the Naval Hill Nature Conservancy. Tata Madiba was at his happiest when he was surrounded by children!



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Distribution of Investec sponsored Toy Boxes to ECD Outreach Practitioner Playgroups, Thaba Nchu & Bloemfontein, July 2018

Playgroup children & Parents, Mobile ECD Unit, Zastron, July 2018



Visitors from the Netherlands, enjoying our bus playgroups, August 2018

Bus Playgroup Parent/ Care-giver session, Bloemfontein, August 2018. The UNICEF Parent Support Programme is used for parent sessions



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Parent session for Playgroup parents, Mobile ECD Unit, Zastron, August 2018

Additional new Mobile ECD Unit, reaching children outside of ECD provision, operating in 6 rural communities in the Xhariep district, as from September 2018



Loading all the new toys and educational equipment into the new Mobile ECD Unit, September 2018

Lesedi's 4 small book-lending libraries established on the 2 Come-&-Play buses and the 2 Mobile ECD Units, as from September 2018.

The primary purpose of the libraries is to enable children to have access to books to take home with them to enjoy at home .



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Nurturing a love of reading, and having fun with books, through Lesedi's 4 small book-lending Libraries



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**Creative Art activity,
Bus Playgroups,
Bloemfontein,
October 2018**



**New Mobile ECD
Unit: Playgroup
session at
Reddersburg,
October 2018**



**New Mobile ECD Unit,
Edenburg Playgroup,
October 2018**



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Panel discussion at SmartStart Regional Launch, organised by Lesedi, Bloemfontein, October 2018

SmartStart Relationship Manager from Johannesburg and Lesedi's SmartStart Coach at the Regional Launch, October 2018



SmartStart start-up training, Botshabelo, October 2018

Community Development training for new group of ECD Outreach Practitioners, Botshabelo, November 2018





ECD Enrichment Workshop, Dealesville. Distribution of Theme kits / Programme Organisers, November 2018



Community Development training for new group of ECD Outreach Practitioners, Thaba Nchu, November 2018

ECD Centres, Clocolan & Ficksburg, November 2018



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**Playgroup Childrens' End-of-Year Graduations,
December 2018**



**Parents / Care-givers receiving their UNICEF Parent Support Programme
Attendance Certificates , December 2018**

**Enjoying End-of-Year Staff Outing and Lunch together,
December 2018**



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HCI Foundation (Vukani Slots)
Kinderfonds Mamas*



*Thank you for joining us
on our picture journey
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