



# Centre for Early Childhood Development (Trust)

## *Building capacity to educate the young*

It is a well-documented fact that education returns are highest at a younger age. Based on this principal, the CECD was established in 1994 in an attempt to enhance South Africa's education potential by offering quality at the source. With its head office in Cape Town and a national footprint, the CECD is able to provide training and support for ECD centres in marginalised communities.

A range of services are available, including:

- Skills development training
- Teacher support
- Governing body training
- Family outreach
- Provision of equipment and training
- Assistance with registration and training
- Support to parents and community members

Through its various programmes, the CECD engages with numerous community organisations and helps to build capacity to ensure they are fully equipped to provide efficient ECD services. They also create networks of support for families and their children through family playgroups and this is an area where they have seen notable success. Through these interventions, the staff members of the organisation are able to develop heightened perception regarding the needs of parents and are therefore better equipped to identify situations where families need assistance in taking the best care of their children.

During the current year, the CECD has run a variety of programmes throughout the Western Cape. Their focus is on persons aged 18 and upwards who establish and manage ECD centres servicing disadvantaged communities.



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