

Orphans & Vulnerable Children
Early Childhood Development
Youth and Adult Education & Development
Community Welfare Support

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VUKUKHANYE EDUCARE CENTRE, CHESTERVILLE

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Early Childhood Development (ECD) services are critical to helping our children reach their development potential, and ECD is one of South Africa's Country's key priorities. Research confirms that the first five years of a child's life are particularly important for the development of the child's brain, and the first three years are the most critical in shaping brain architecture. Early experiences provide the base for the brain's organizational development and functioning throughout life, directly impacting the development of learning skills, social and emotional abilities. (Child Development and Early Learning, www.factsforlifeglobal.org)



The Vukukhanye Educare Centre was established in Chesterville in 2012 after investigating the need amongst the local community and through partnership with a local preschool. This highlighted the need for single parents and caregivers to have an affordable source of care & education for their children while they sought or were at work (7am-3pm).

At present, forty-five children aged 1 to 5 years are enrolled at this educare centre. The children are largely from poor families, cared for by single parents, extended family or other caregiver. The poverty of caregivers places the children at risk of not receiving sufficient early childhood stimulation and inadequate nutrition. The services offered by the Vukukhanye Educare Centre seeks to meet these vital developmental needs; as in addition to the educational programme, children are provided with breakfast, a healthy mid-morning snack and cooked lunch daily. Partnership with the local Department of Health ensures that standard immunizations are done on-site during visits from clinic staff.

The hours of operation are 7:30am to 3:00pm daily, with the formal programme between 8:00am and 1:00pm. There are six staff (3 teachers, 1 teachers-assistant, a cook/cleaner and a groundsman). Ongoing training of the staff is a priority, and all staff have received child-care training through Phakamisa, and accredited (NQF Levels 4-5) early childhood development training through NELRU and Caversham. One of the teachers recently achieved her Level 5 qualification. The educare centre also benefits from participating in the Cato Manor Preschool Forum, which provides training and support a central resource centre at Inkanyezi Crèche.

OFFICE, KITCHEN AND TOILET UNITS



CLASSROOMS



OUTDOOR PLAY



Mission

- To contribute to improving our community by investing in the lives of preschool children.
- We will give everything we can to fully love, care for and develop children in our care so that they are best positioned to succeed and excel at school and at life.

Vision

- To provide a safe, secure environment for children from 1-5 years old (pre-grade R); that is fun and loved by the children who will cherish the memory of their time here.
- To partner with families and the community to achieve the best for the children in our care, and to make sure that parents feel good and confident about their childcare choice.
- Through trained motivated staff, to provide a syllabus, environment, resources and opportunities which will enrich each child's social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and creative abilities; helping them to develop their individual gifts and talents and build their self-esteem.