

SA ECD Awards finalists gather in Johannesburg for ECD week

The SA ECD Awards Workshop Week took place in Johannesburg for 33 provincial finalists who will be representing their respective provinces in the national leg of the South African Early Childhood Development Awards. Hosted by the National Development Agency, the week activities include training and workshop session on various policies that guide their work in their spaces within ECD. The week also allows for networking, pampering and a day excursion for the finalists. The final adjudication also took place for selection of national winners that will be announced on the 6th of April at a gala event that will be hosted by the Minister of Social Development, Bathabile Dlamini. The

finalists are competing for R90 000, 00 in each category.

Finalists were workshopped by the Department of Social Development on the ECD Policy, Minimum Norms & Standards for Partial Care (ECD); Department of Health on Nutrition Guidelines and the importance and usage of the Road to Health Booklet; Sunshine Centre Organisation on child disability management interventions; Toys with Roots on alternative toy solutions. Senso presented on technology in ECD, zooming on devices that can assist deaf parents and deaf children. They received media training and were also trained on presentation and branding skills. On the fun side, the finalists

took a Gautrain excursion to Pretoria – a first time for almost all of them.

The idea for this workshop is to further develop the knowledge of the finalists, who are already professionals in their field but the collaboration with various partners allows them an opportunity to engage with critical issues and with the relevant departments. We also take the time to pamper them as they are dedicated to the welfare of children any other day of the year – during this time, we want them to feel special and spoilt”, Mr Nkhensani Mthembu, Chairman of the SA ECD Awards Steering Committee at the National Development Agency.



Group Exercise



Gautrain ride – a first for most



Workshop Underway



Spa Pampering

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SA ECD Awards national finalists revealed

Provincial events were held in all provinces and national adjudications are complete. The finalists that will compete for the national awards are presented below:

2016/17 BEST ECD PROGRAMME THAT SUPPORTS BABIES AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



Christinah Mahlangu
Ntuthuko Stimulation Centre
Soshanguve, Gauteng



Esmeralda Yolandi Matiso
Masixole ECD
Beaufort West, Western Cape



Mduduzi Dube
Cape Mental Health
Cape Town, Western Cape

2016/17 BEST ECD TRAINER OF THE YEAR



Ntombikayise Gama
Masakhane ECD Training Centre
Standerton, Mpumalanga



Ethel Koeberg
Ebenezer
Kimberley, Northern Cape

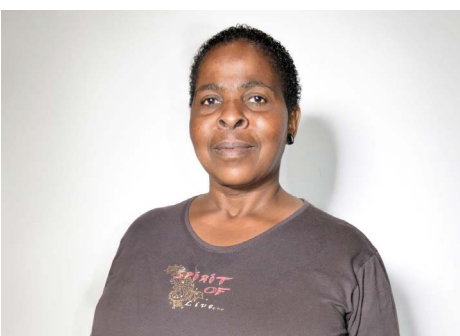


Lindisa Ruth Nombewu
Centre for Social Development
Grahamstown, Eastern Cape

2016/17 BEST ECD NUTRITION PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR



Ncamisile Mchunu
Sigcawu Crèche
Kwa-Ximba, KwaZulu-Natal



Julia Mthimunye
Tokyo Gardens Pre-School
Tsakane, Gauteng



Simie Shezi
The Good Shepherd Sizanani Crèche
Pinetown, KwaZulu-Natal

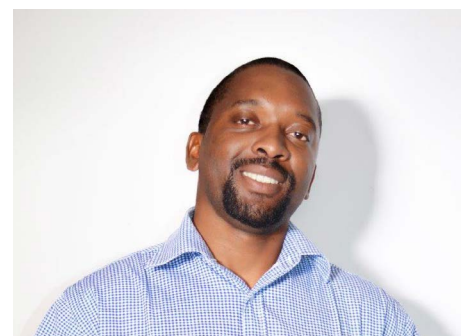
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Maria Monama
Katlehong Early Learning Resource Unit
Vosloorus, Gauteng



Thembeke Nxesi
Emthonjeni Outreach Programme
eMfuleni, Western Cape



Bonga Masina
Ntataise Lowveld
Nelspruit, Mpumalanga

2016/17 BEST ECD EMERGING AUTHOR OF THE YEAR



Kgaogelo Modiga
Amakati Amancane Amabili
Tsakane, Gauteng



Louisa Buthelezi
Different Friends
uMlazi, KwaZulu-Natal



Leah Thokozile Nhlabathi
Umhlangano We Zilwane
Tsakane, Gauteng

2016/17 BEST ECD CENTRE OF THE YEAR



Kgangwe Gogobe
Keatlaletswe Early Learning Centre
Mufutso Village, North West



Norah Phumani
Makukhanye Crèche
Mdantsane, Eastern Cape



Katrina van Wyk
Kwiksstertjie Speelgroep
Kuruman, Northern Cape



Patience McKay
Little Big Crèche
Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal



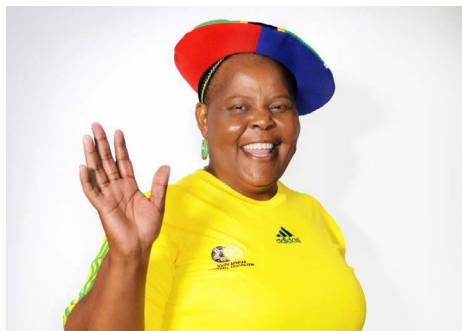
Caren Blaauw
White Dove Centre
Veldrif, Western Cape



Mmaphuthi Dina Manyama
Boledi B Crèche
Mahwelereng, Limpopo



Princess Zwane
Little Stars Educare
Kempton Park, Gauteng



Betty Mahlangu
Khayelihle Pre-School
Siyabuswa, Mpumalanga



Joyce Mthombeni
Paballo Day Care Centre
Odendalsrus, Free State

2016/17 BEST ECD PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR



Nomalanga Rebecca Mahlatsi
Ntataise Edu Care Centre
Kroonstad, Free State



Nozipho Ralarala
Blooming Stars Educare
Mfuleni, Western Cape



Ditaba Monicca Marota
Bakwena Crèche
Ga-Molapo, Limpopo



Margareth Ntombi Mtsweni
Progress Day Care Centre
Embalenhle, Mpumalanga



Eldrodene Solomons
Morning Star
Mdantsane, Eastern Cape



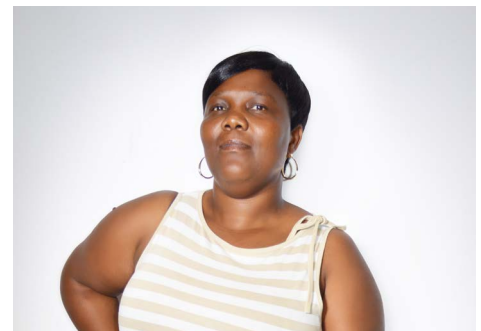
Rogeni Jacobs
Rainbow Nation ECD
Springs, Gauteng



Pauline Matlapeng
Leratong Early Learning Centre
Rustenburg, North West



Mpho Mmotong
Bahentse
Kuruman, Northern Cape



Siphindile Mahlaba
Entokozweni
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