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MAY NEWSLETTER 2025

Child and Youth Care Week



CELEBRATING
Global Belonging
IN CHILD AND YOUTH CARE **PRESENTERS**
INTERNATIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WEEK | 5 - 11 May 2025

DAY 2:
WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025 | 10H00 - 12H00

Welcome & Introductions
Ms Fiona Balgobind – NACCW Deputy Chairperson

Panel Input on History & Status of Residential Care in SA
Mr Francisco Cornelius – Leliebloem House
Ms Mandy Goble – DCYCC
Ms Mpumi Mahlangu-Luthuli – DSD-Gauteng

Discussion

Panel Input on New CYC Settings
Ms Asanda Fihla – Youth Mentorship
Ms Nontobeko Mlambo – Education
Ms Mpho Mathebula – Community & Families
Ms Thembi Msibi – Intermediary Work

Closing input
Mr Hitler Sekhitha – Registrar SACSSP

Discussion & Closure
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50 Celebrating 50 Years of Child & Youth Care Work in South Africa

NACCW
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHILD CARE WORKERS

Residential Care Facilities each year, recognizes a special week in our childcare calendar. This year we came together to celebrate International Child and Youth Care Week, recognizing the incredible work that Child and Youth Care (CYC) auxiliary and professional workers, do every day to support and empower children. This year's theme was "Celebrating Global Belonging in Child and Youth Care. These caregivers are not just workers; they are mentors, guides, and more often the steady presence that children need to feel safe, heard, and valued.

CYCW's help to create environments where growth, healing, and development can truly take place. They build trusting relationships, offering the emotional support and

The week served as a reminder of just how critical their role is in shaping brighter futures for children, making a lasting impact that goes far beyond the moments spent together. The special celebrations included a 3 -day online seminar with key national and international speakers.

Later in the month the CYCWs gathered for a physical celebration with guest speakers from KZN and the NACCW Acting Director in attendance.



Worker's Day Celebration



On Workers' Day, the children at PCH came together to celebrate and honor the hard work and dedication of all workers. It was a special moment to recognize the efforts of everyone who plays a part in building a better community. The kids expressed their appreciation for those who care for, support, and help them every day. It was a heartfelt celebration, where the children showed their gratitude for the workers who make a real difference in their lives. Today, we celebrate you and the positive change you bring!

Self-defense program



Learning self-defense is an important skill for children, giving them the tools to protect themselves when faced with a threatening situation. It's not just about physical techniques; it's about building confidence and awareness, empowering kids to feel more in control of their safety. In moments of danger, knowing how to defend themselves can make all the difference. These lessons can help children stay calm, assess the situation, and act in ways that ensure their well-being, teaching them to stand strong in the face of adversity.

Thank you to Hemal and Dhruv for offering this programme to our children.

Amazing Soulz performance



The children from PCH were recently honored with an invitation to perform at Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged, where they captivated the audience with their talent, energy, and heartfelt presentation. This remarkable group, founded in 2018, was created to provide children with a creative outlet to express themselves through music, dance, and drama while building confidence and a sense of community.

Over the years, the group has grown in both skill and reputation, performing at several high-profile events and venues. Notable performances include the NACCW (National Association of Child Care Workers) International Conference held in Durban, where they received enthusiastic praise from professionals in the childcare sector.

Each performance is more than just a show—it's an opportunity for the children to share their stories, inspire others, and represent PCH with pride. Their continued success is a testament to their dedication, the support of the staff and volunteers, and the power of the arts in uplifting and empowering young lives.



The Woodlands Library program has officially kicked off, and to launch the program on a joyful note, the children were given the exciting opportunity to perform a play – *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Each child was able to step into a different role, from Mama Bear to Goldilocks herself, giving everyone a chance to shine on stage and bring the story to life in their own unique way.

The enthusiasm was contagious as the children embraced their characters, practiced their lines, and supported one another throughout the process. Their participation was heartfelt and lively, creating a fun and memorable experience for both the performers and their audience. It was a wonderful start to the program, setting the tone for creativity, learning, and teamwork in the weeks to come.

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SPARE AN ITEM FROM YOUR CUPBOARD

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