A CHILD AND YOUTH CARE RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

A FREE in-service training designed to rapidly support the work of all child and youth care workers in South Africa to enable them to safely serve children, families and communities during the COVID-19 crisis as it evolves and the longer term impact after that within their scope of practice.

The South African Council for Social Service Professions’ Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work, National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW), Children’s Institute, University of Cape Town, Jelly Beanz, Durban Child and Youth Care Centre and UNICEF South Africa developed this free online in-service training programme.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR:
Child and youth care workers. The training is designed with a specific focus on child and youth care practice. Registered student child and youth care workers may also register for this training course.

METHODOLOGY:
The in-service training is designed for remote delivery particularly during the lockdown period using platforms such as Zoom, MS Teams, WhatsApp, or similar.

HOW TO ACCESS THE TRAINING:
Organisations, child and youth care centres, government departments and other employers of child and youth care workers as well as child and youth care workers can contact the Secretary of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work to indicate their interest in running the training at:

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PLEASE read page 2 for all the details

WHO WILL FACILITATE THE TRAINING:
Any child and youth care worker registered in the professional or auxiliary category of registration with the South African Council for Social Service Professions who is a supervisor, a mentor, a trainer, or has 5 or more years’ experience in child and youth care work.

Message by the Chairperson of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

In celebration of International Child and Youth Care Worker’s Week the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work presents to you an in-service training programme for child and youth care workers on all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The good news is that it is an open source training so it is freely available. Registered child and youth care workers will receive CPD points for completing it! The course is immediately available, and can be facilitated by registered, experienced child and youth care workers, supervisors and trainers. Send an email (email address on brochure) to request the training, and let’s all get upskilled and keep safe in these times.

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Hereafter the Facilitator Guide as well as the training materials will be provided, together with a short guide on the training implementation.

The following information need to be provided when access to the training is requested:
1. Name of organisation
2. Type of organisation
3. Name of trainer and registration number with the South African Council for Social Service Professions
4. Number of child and youth care workers anticipating that will undergo the training.

Individual child and youth care workers:
• First ask your organisation or supervisor to contact the Secretary of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work as indicated above. Then the training can be of benefit to you and all other child and youth care workers at your workplace.
• If above is not possible, please contact the Secretary of the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work at MolebohengM@sacssp.co.za to link you with possible trainers near you.

How to access and facilitate this course

What is the training about?

This in-service training is designed to rapidly support the work of all child and youth care workers in South Africa to enable them to safely serve children, families and communities during the COVID-19 crisis as it evolves and the longer term impact after that within their scope of practice.

The six sessions cover the following:
• Session 1: Child and youth care response to COVID – 19 – the fundamentals.
• Session 2: Communicating with children and families about COVID-19.
• Session 3: Rapid risk assessment and developmental assessment and planning in a time of COVID-19.
• Session 4: Responding to risks in a time of COVID-19.
• Session 5: Remote service provision in a time of COVID-19.
• Session 6: Trauma in a time of COVID-19.

Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work will allocate the CPD points for registered child and youth care workers associated with the completion of this training and communicate it to all registering for this course.

CPD points will only be allocated to a registered child and youth care worker, subject to the submission of an attendance register duly verified by the trainer, with an indication of the SACSSP registration number of participants who qualifies for CPD points.

Persons not registered as child and youth care workers

This training is designed to support the practice of child and youth care work. The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work will engage with the Professional Board for Social Work to adapt the training content for social workers in future.

Persons in organisations who are not registered child and youth care workers and may benefit from the training or parts of the training, may participate in the organisation’s training, provided that the training be provided by a registered child and youth care worker as indicated above and that the certificate issued will not carry recognition for CPD points.

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No person, organisations or any other entity may provide this training or any adaptation thereof at any cost to a child and youth care worker.

Don’t wait. Contact the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work to get started at:
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