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LAST WEEK'S SUMMIT

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work hosted a strategic Summit on Thursday 6 May 2021 under the theme “*The crisis in the child and youth care sector in South Africa and its impact on the welfare of children and youth*”. The Summit brought together strategic role-players such as the Honourable Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Ms Faith Muthambi, senior officials from the Department of Social Development, Members of Council and the Professional Boards, UNICEF, Higher Education Institutions, NACCW, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), other stakeholders and, off course most importantly **child and youth care workers**.

The Summit led to commitments by government and other stakeholders to realign their provincial and national organisational structures to address amongst others child and youth care work posts and salaries; the incorporation of child and youth care workers in the district development model; inclusion of child and youth care workers in the sector skills plan, opportunities for bursaries for degrees and funding for internships; review of the OSD, amongst others. More details will be provided in the full report that will be published as soon as it is available.

The Summit concluded with the establishment of 4 workstreams that will focus on:

- Location of a child and youth care worker champion at National Department of Social Development
- Sector human resource plan alignment
- Sector integrated OSD approach
- Access to higher education and capacity building for Higher Education Institution

Child and youth care workers have to actively seek and participate in opportunities that may result from this Summit. More developments on the working streams formed will be shared soon.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: The Finance Division is currently emailing receipts as per requests from practitioners, please also check your junk folder when you have requested a receipt to be emailed. It is important to update one's particulars asap (on the website) or by completing and submitting [FORM RR.1](#) (available on website) if your last known details have changed.

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