

# Training for Transition (TFT)

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Report on Mentoring Phase Meetings with Service provider

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Present: **Mareldia Tape – Grassroots Director, Anita Marshall – TFT, Emily Basson - TFT**

Ms Tape proceeded with the discussion, based on the electronic communication initiated by TFT and a request to meet to discuss possible collaboration for formal training of ECD practitioners. Mrs Tape felt that Grassroots could provide the ideal training for the CSS model because;

- Grassroots curriculum is aligned with the National DSD CAPS requirements.
- Provides not only the training but also supports the trainees with set-up of playgroups and any zoning requirements participants might have in order to comply with the DSD norms and standards, so they can access the R15 per child per day for sustainability.
- Provides start-up toy kits for the newly formed ECD services.
- Conducts special training for people caring for babies and toddlers, in line with the focus on the first 1000 days of a child's life.
- Training takes place over 20 days and can be arranged as block sessions or over weekends, depending on the availability of trainees.

Mrs Tape shared the contents of the start-up toy kits which participants receive as part of the training process:



Toys for **babies and toddlers** come in kit bag.

The **Site Learning Programme** for the establishment of play groups provides toys that support cognitive stimulation, fantasy and creative activities and outdoor play and includes musical instruments, play dough, balls, buckets and spades and *hoola* hoops.

We were then taken into the training venue where trainees were reviewing the use of themes for daily programmes in ECD. Mrs Tape introduced the TFT facilitators. The participants were asked questions regarding the value of the training and revealed the extent to which they focus on programming that is educational and fun.

