

How to get started

Lets talk about



Outline for the afternoon:

- Families – parent support
- Programmes to support Early learning
- What do I/we need and where to go for assistance.



Challenges facing parents

- Substance abuse and addiction
- Poverty and high unemployment
- Violence in the house and in the community
- Health conditions such as HIV
- Single parenthood



Every child deserves a *champion*:

- an adult who will never give up on them,
- who understands the power of connection,
- and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.



Children whose needs are met are well prepared

- to succeed at school,
- to have good relationships
with others
- and,.. in te long run,
- become productive adult
members of society.

Parenting programmes

Parenting programmes is a term that refers to a range of interventions including

- ❖ efforts to improve parents knowledge of young children's development,
- ❖ parents stimulation or early learning,
- ❖ parents management of children's behaviour and
- ❖ parents relationships with their children

Elements of a effective programme

- A clearly defined target population
- A programme design and is tailored to the needs and cultural background of participating parents
- A programme that is based on evidence of what works
- Realistic and measurable goals
- Well-trained facilitators
- Monitoring and evaluation to see if it was indeed effective.

Some projects

- Home visiting
- Teen parenting – to help cope with the role as parent and teenager
- Counselling – to help parents cope with relationships with their children and also help them with childrens behavioural problems
- Capacity Building and supporting – fatherhood and parenting courses

The aim for intervention

- Families receive advice and guidance
- Learn how to improve their family's health
- Provide better opportunities for their children
- May include support for preventive health and prenatal care
- Help and education for mother/parents and child
- Help mothers to set goals for the future
- Help find employment

ECD intervention is about.....

- Strengthening nutritional support
- Security and safety
- Brain development
(*curriculum*)



It is to lay the foundation for lifelong learning

Programmes to support early learning

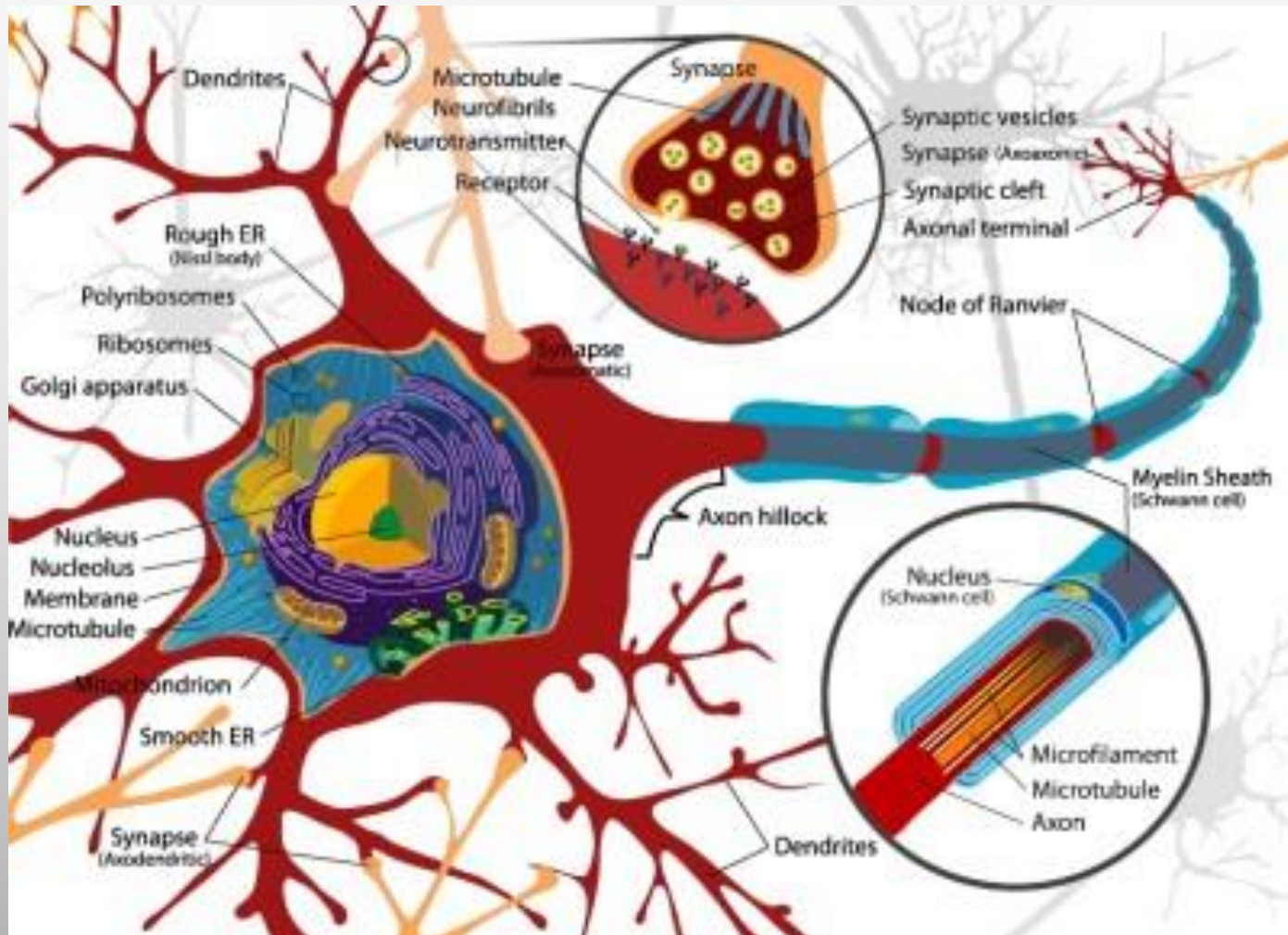
- Non-centre based ECD programmes
 - Home based (home visiting)
 - Community based (mobile toy libraries)
- Centre-based ECD Programmes (crèches)
- Media Programmes (print, TV, internet, radio)



ECD home-based programme

- Mothers already looking after children (6)
- Facilitator looking after mothers and help with the daily lessonplan
- Cost-effective
- Toolkit provide the necessary tools and equipment for the daily lesson plan
- Monthly meetings with mothers to keep them motivated

To understand what brain development is all about



Lessonplan

Biblical story to learn Values

(Social and emotional Development)

Daily theme –

learn new words and concepts

(Language development)



Creativity

Clay, puzzles, blocks, paint

(Intellectual development , numerecy)

Indoor/outdoor play

Gross motor skills,
music and songs,
storytelling

(Physical and language development)



Home-based Mothers



What is needed

- Secure funding
- Use or partner to replicate an effective model
- Raise awareness in communities with regard to the importance of ECD
- Dedicated volunteers
- Facilitators need continuous training and support
- Parents need to understand the benefit of ECD



What can my congregation do?

Do not think big – think small every drop counts.

- Get involved
 - Food donation or preparation of food
 - Educational support through toys and equipment
 - Support an ECD Practitioner by funding 1 salary
 - Sponsor the training of 1 ECD Practitioner
- Begin a home-based ECD program with 2 or 3 mothers (12 children)
 - Sponsor toolkits for home-based mothers

Registration process:

Application

- Using **Form 11 with a report by a social service professional**
- Trained ECD Practitioners
- NPO number

Documents

- A business plan
- Constitution of the centre
- Copy of approved building plans
- An emergency plan
- Clearance certificate
- Health certificate
- Description of the skills of the manager of the ECD centre
- If application is granted you received a certificate,
- The certificate is valid for 5 years

Curriculum

Choose
Curriculum

- Practical
- Easy to understand
- Not expensive
- Fun for the kids
- Include the National Early Learning Development Standards

Register
curriculum

- Register your particular curriculum
- Use Form 16
- Send to DSD
- If the application is granted, you receive a certificate
- The certificate is valid for 5 years

Factors take into account is:

- Does the ECD centre adhere to the norms and standards and other requirements
- The applicant fit and proper to manage an ECD Centre.
- Is there the necessary funds and resources available to provide an ECD service
- Each person employed or involved – fit and proper to assist in providing ECD services
- Each person employed or involved has the required skills and training