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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE YOUNG ONE'S



Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu flanked by MEC Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana and a representative of the Moloto Royal Authority cutting the Christmas party's cake

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Deputy Minister for the Department of Social Development, Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu and the MEC for Social Development in Limpopo Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana recently had

fun with children around Moletjie in the Capricorn district as they were celebrating Christmas party organised for children by the department.

"SAY NO TO DRUGS"**"It is my right to know my status: Prevention is my responsibility"**

To everyone whose a parent or guardian

Please do not forget to give extra care and focus on your children during this festive season holidays. During this time mostly children enjoy outdoor life including night parties which sometimes they might find themselves in dangerous places

This is the time where most of the children are engaging in drugs and substance abuse which lead to them having unprotected sexual activities before time.

If your child is going to a party:

Contact the parents of the party organisers.

Talk to your children about your expectations and give advise.

Do not give your children large amounts of cash.

Make it clear that they cannot leave the party and go to another without getting your permission.

You (or a trusted parent) should pick them up at the agreed time and place but they should also know that they can phone you at any stage if they need to leave.

Sleepovers are a no-no, unless you have reason to trust the host family completely. Check last minute sleepover plans very thoroughly with the host parents.

Be awake when your children return home, or have them wake you. Talk to them for a while.

CAPTION STORIES

Children really had fun with the Deputy Minister for Social Development Mme Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu and her MEC, Mme Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana. The event was recently held in Moletji outside Polokwane.



Captions:

1. Deputy Minister for Social Development, Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu and MEC Mapula Mokaba-Phukwana enjoying the playtime with children.
2. They are distributing school bags to all the children who attended the event.
3. Children from different schools and day cares around Moletji dancing for the Deputy Minister.
4. MEC addressing the Child Care workers.



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Why Commemorate World Aids Day?

The World Aids Day is one of the major international events that are commemorated once in a year on the 1st December. The event is an opportunity to unite communities in the fight against HIV and AIDS, show support to people living with HIV and families of those affected.

On 31 March 2017, SANAC Chairperson Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa launched South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB and STIs 2017 - 2022 (NSP), which serves as a roadmap for the next stage of the country's journey towards a future where these three diseases are no longer public health challenges.

The NSP is a key pillar in the country's progress towards achieving universal health care, as it is driven by South Africa's long term vision reflected in the National Development Plan of a healthier, stronger and more equitable nation.

The Department of Social Development contribute to the achievement of Provincial World Aids Day by offering the following services:

- Facilitating conversation sessions with young people
- Providing substance abuse awareness sessions
- Facilitating financial wellness sessions in the workplace to reduce vulnerability.
- Distributing condoms in all work stations
- Coordinating on-site HIV Counselling and Testing
- Facilitating family preservation programme
- Facilitate social and Behavioural change communication programme
- Identifying child and youth headed families for provision of food parcels.
- Creating HIV awareness sessions in the workplace.

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AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR”**

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