

Letsemeng Child and Youth Care Centre

Background

During March 2002 meetings were held with the community and different role players like De Beers Central Mines, the Dutch Reformed Church, Letsemeng Municipality and the local schools to assess the possibility of establishing a Youth Care Centre in Koffiefontein.

The De Beers Koffiefontein diamond mine donated a house on a stand named "The Park", to be converted into a youth care centre. During 2007 the mine, taken over by Petra Blue Diamond Mines, handed over the single quarters that previously housed the single mine workers to the child and youth care centre for use. Funding was received from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund for renovation and extension of the buildings. The Letsemeng Child and Youth Care Centre forms part of the Free State Youth Care Centres.

Services

The child and youth care centre is registered to accommodate 24 children at any present time. The children attend different schools in the community, namely Diamanthoogte School, Lerethabetse School and Rekailetsi High School. The youth care centre makes use of the services of a social worker. When a child is admitted to the centre, a multi therapeutic team meeting is held to draw up an Individual Developmental Plan and Permanency Plan for each child. This plan helps the persons involved with the child to know who will render which services to the child concerned. It also helps to co-ordinate the services.

The social worker co-ordinates the services and makes the necessary arrangements for the child to receive specialised therapy, for instance psychological, occupational, psychiatric, medical, neurological and spiritual counsellors. The social workers also arranges for weekend and holiday leave to the child's parents or host families. The management and the child and youth care worker ensures that the child's basic needs are met by making sure he/she has a safe house, food, clothes and education.

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