



## April - June 2019

This quarter was busy with all the events centred around Child Protection Month.



*"Children are the next generation of leaders and therefore*

*caring relational support, quality education and protecting children from harm must be our highest priority. Together we can do more to create a society where children can thrive.”*  
*- Mariëtte Jacobs (MD of Ezrah)*

## **Child Protection Month**

Ezrah's flagship programme in partnership with Valcare, **the Drakenstein Child Protection Programme** once again united local organisations to empower, uplift, educate, and raise awareness during May for Child Protection Month and Child Protection Week from 28 May to 4 June 2019.

Nine nonprofit organisations currently form part of the Drakenstein Child Protection Steering Group: [Khula Development Group](#), [Salt and Light](#), [Paarl Youth Initiative](#), [Kin Culture](#), [Ma's-vir-Wellington](#), [Good Hope Psychological Service](#), [Ezrah Community Training and Development NPC](#), [Rise Up with Advocacy and Action](#) and [Valcare](#). These organisations all work directly with child-related initiatives and some of them have been collaborating since 2017 not only during Child Protection Month, but consistently through the year.

The programme works on prevention and early intervention strategies, establishing child protection champion organisations and strengthening the child protection system by taking hands with local child protection services and stakeholders. They also form part of the Connect Network's Safe Community Strategy with the goal to establish ten safe communities within the Western Cape

*Read more about what these organisations did during Child Protection Month below and [on the link here](#).*



## Child Protection Empowerment Workshop

On the 23rd of May, Ezrah in partnership with [Valcare](#), hosted an interactive Child Protection Empowerment Workshop at [Manyano Centre](#) in Paarl. The goal of the workshop was to empower social workers, social auxiliary workers, therapists, non-profits, youth workers and community leaders working with children with vital information on the dangers of pornography, the dynamics of sexual offending, human trafficking, child labour as well as guiding the internet generation to use the internet safely and responsibly.

We had more than 30 delegates in attendance and enjoyed some fruitful discussions, peer learning and the sharing of resources. We thank all our delegates for participating with so much enthusiasm as together we can do more to keep our children safe!

## Child Participation Training

Ezrah was invited by Connect Network to train their lead agents, networkers and Camp Africa leaders in child participation as part of their strategy to establish 10 safe communities in the Western Cape. Participants were equipped with some important mapping and leadership tools.



## LEAD Child Participation Workshop

On the 4th of April 2019, Ezrah was privileged to empower 35 community leaders from 20 organisations in Drakenstein and surrounding areas in partnership with [Valcare](#) with our LEAD child participation model. We are looking forward to

seeing some great LEAD to safety projects during child protection month in May as we collaborate to keep children safe as part of [Connect Network](#) safe community strategy. Together we can make a difference to strengthen our children to be the next generation as leaders of change.

Thanks to our participants from: [Masakhe Foundation](#), [Soutkorrels](#), [Kin Culture](#), [Manyano Centre](#), [ACVV Paarl-Vallei](#), [Monte Christo Miqlat](#), [Rise Up With Advocacy And Action](#), [Good Hope Psychological Service](#), [Paarl Jeug Inisiatief / Paarl Youth Initiative](#), [ACVV Franschhoek](#), [Ma's-vir-Wellington](#), [Change within Development](#), [AHOS Paarl](#), [Valcare](#), [Khula Development Group](#), Fountain of Hope, EAR, [Huis Andrew Murray](#), Department of Correctional Services: Drakenstein and Gouda Learning Assistance and Aftercare.



## Valcare's Amazing Race

In May Ezraah was excited to be a station at [Valcare's](#) Amazing Race Networking Event and to meet incredible people and organisations working together for change in our community. It was a beautiful day full of adventure, fun and laughter concluded with great food and networking. Together we can do more!



## Strategic Planning Programme

From April to June, we hosted the first three workshops of our strategic planning programme for 2019 in partnership with Valcare. During these interactive, fun workshops we empowered eight identified organisations with our LEAD model, provided a greater understanding of strategic planning and shared some practical tools to improve board governance and income generation.

Thank you to the following organisations who are on this journey with us: [Change within Development](#), [Care Career Connection](#), [Elevation Programme](#), [Wamakers Opleidingsentrum](#), [AHOS Paarl](#), The Royalty Project and Good Hope Daycare.



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## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

QIS Project Planning and Design: 9-11 July 2019

QIS Governance: 3-4 September 2019

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Blessings from the Ezrah team

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