



DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 2020/2021

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PROGRAMME MISSION

Implementation of the Ezrah Drakenstein Child Protection Programme with the goal of empowering identified organisations as child protection champion organisations and to strengthen the child protection system within the Drakenstein and Cape Winelands-area.



"We want to strengthen the child protection system through innovative models, capacity building and value-based collaboration. Results? Ethical service delivery where children matter."

— Mariette Jacobs

(Managing Director of Ezrah Community Training and Development NPC)

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED: 2020/2021



NUMBER OF EZRAH CHILD PROTECTION STEERING GROUP MEETINGS HOSTED

12



NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED EZRAH'S CHILD PROTECTION WORKSHOPS

89



NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED EZRAH'S LEAD CHILD PARTICIPATION WORKSHOPS

55

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED OUR FIRST 1000 DAYS' INFO SESSION



30

NUMBER OF CHILD-FOCUSED ORGANISATIONS REACHED



49

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED EZRAH'S BUILDSMART PARENT MENTORING WORKSHOPS



48

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED: 2020/2021



NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS
AND SOCIAL AUXILIARY
WORKERS TRAINED

41



NUMBER OF
COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

6



NUMBER OF CHILD-
FOCUSED
INFORMATION
SESSIONS AND
WORKSHOPS HOSTED

19



EXPERT TIME
INVESTMENT
(IN HOURS)

6

8

3

NUMBER OF CHILD
PROTECTION STAKEHOLDER
MEETINGS ATTENDED



31



NUMBER OF NPO LEADERS
AND ECD PRACTITIONERS
TRAINED

1

0

8

DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

Caring. Equipping.
Informative. Valuable.
Empowering. Networking. Innovative.
Collaborative. Shared resources. Support.
Community. Connection. Vision. Excellent.
Educational. Fruitful. Practical.
Creative. Important. Inspiring. Strengths.
Positive. Hope. Forward-thinking. Thought-
provoking. Meaningful. Refreshing. Insightful.
Relevant. Effective.

ANNUAL EVALUATION FEEDBACK
(NOVEMBER 2021)





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Programme goal:

Drakenstein Child Protection Programme

To strengthen the larger child protection (CP) system in the Drakenstein and Cape Winelands through collaboration and by empowering child-focused organisations as child protection champions.

Direct beneficiary reach:

The following Valcare members have committed to join the Drakenstein Child Protection Programme for 2021:

- Miqlat
- Khula DG
- Aitsa Aftercare
- Score/Hope through Action
- Grassroots
- Badisa Wellington
- Ikhaya le Themba
- Change within Development
- Salt and Light Kids
- Huis Andrew Murray
- The Grape Community
- Ikamva Foundation
- Ma's vir Wellington
- Drakenstein se Jong Doudruppels
- Mosaic
- Kin Culture NPC
- The Royalty Project
- Fountain of Hope
- Good Hope Psychological Service
- Renew your Mind
- Sp(i)eel Arts Therapies Collective
- Amazing Brainz
- ACVV Paarlvallei
- Athlone House of Strength

In addition, the following child protection stakeholders are participating in this programme: Thuthuzela Care Centre (Paarl), Childline Western Cape, the Department of Social Development, Stellcare Stellenbosch

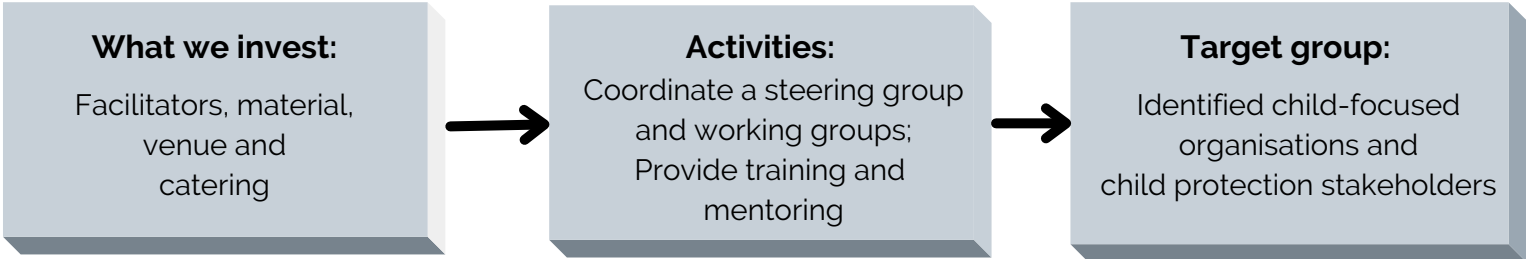
Monitoring, evaluation and reporting tools:

- Attendance registers
- Feedback forms
- Meeting summaries
- Email communication (where organisations share their progress)
- Stories of change
- Time-logs
- Project reports and photos

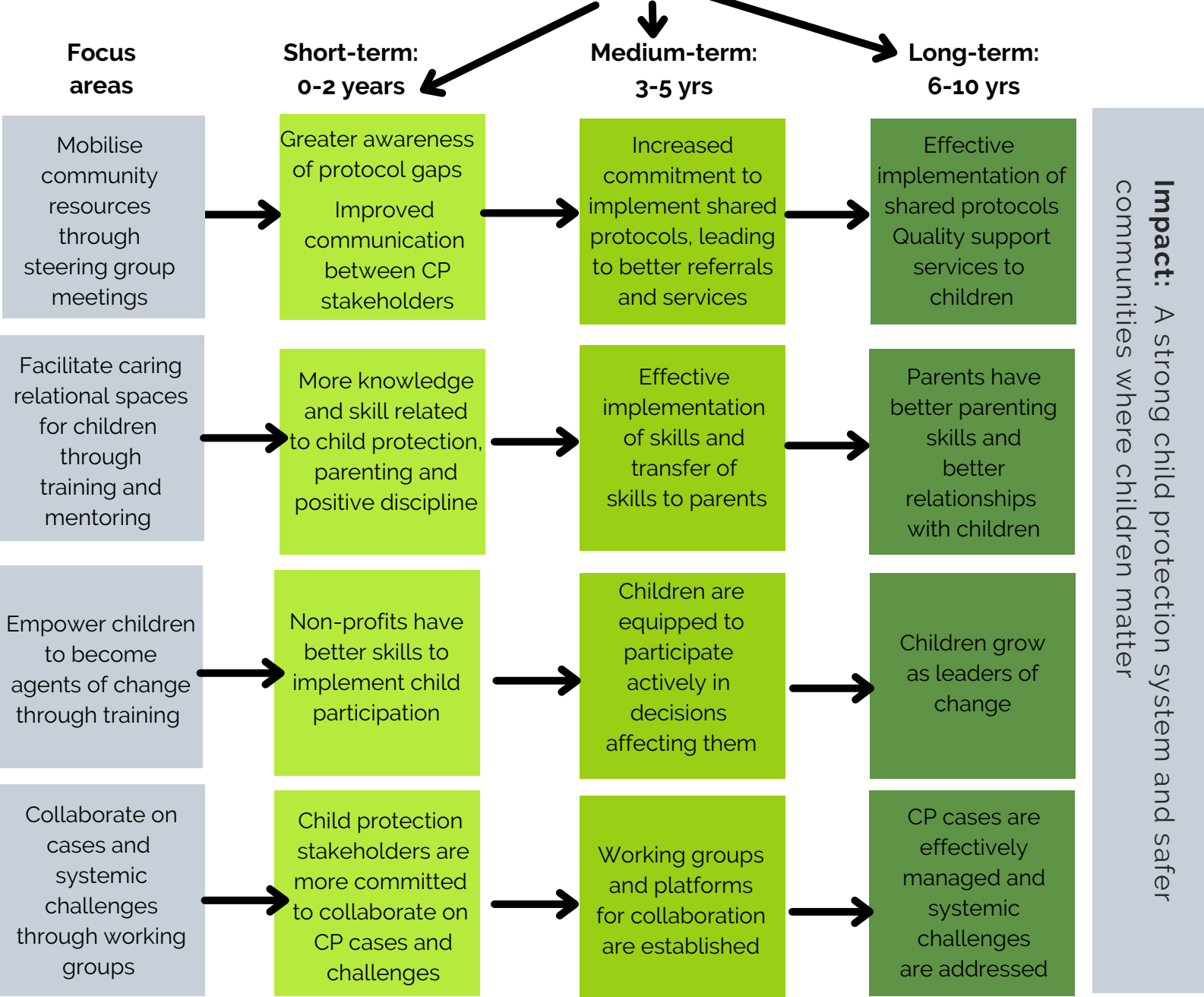
THEORY OF CHANGE: DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME



Goal: To strengthen the larger child protection (CP) system in the Cape Winelands through collaboration and by empowering child-focused organisations as child protection champions.



OUTCOMES



Assumptions: Commitment from child protection stakeholders to implement training and to collaborate on child protection cases and protocols as well as to participate in child protection campaigns, working groups and case management discussions

Outcomes:

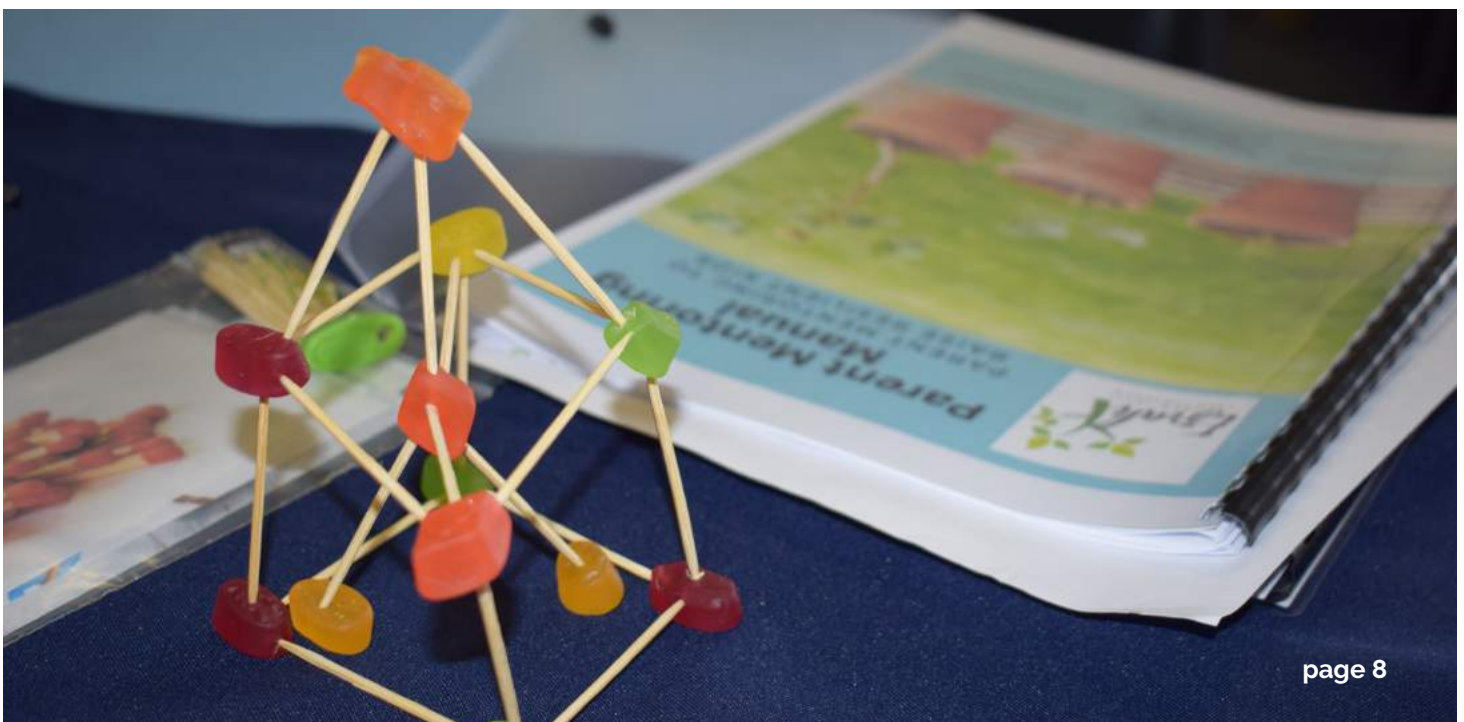
Feedback on BuildSmart parent mentoring workshop (14 October 2021)

Most important knowledge learned

- The foundation is very important in everyone's early years.
- Really focusing on loving our children to teach them to have happy hearts before we teach them skills.
- The heart is so important and the connection with the client/caregiver/child can happen so easily and practically.
- Communication is the key between parents and their children.

Application planning

- WOW. I just want to go out as a community worker and share my knowledge with others.
- I will take it back to our farms, ECDs and practitioners. Parent sessions and training.
- I will apply them at my organisation by having children and parents' workshops, the four building blocks (of parenting) are very essential.
- Where I work and live in the community, I will try to apply the skills and knowledge.



Celebration:

Annual Evaluation of Drakenstein Child Protection Programme (17 November 2021)

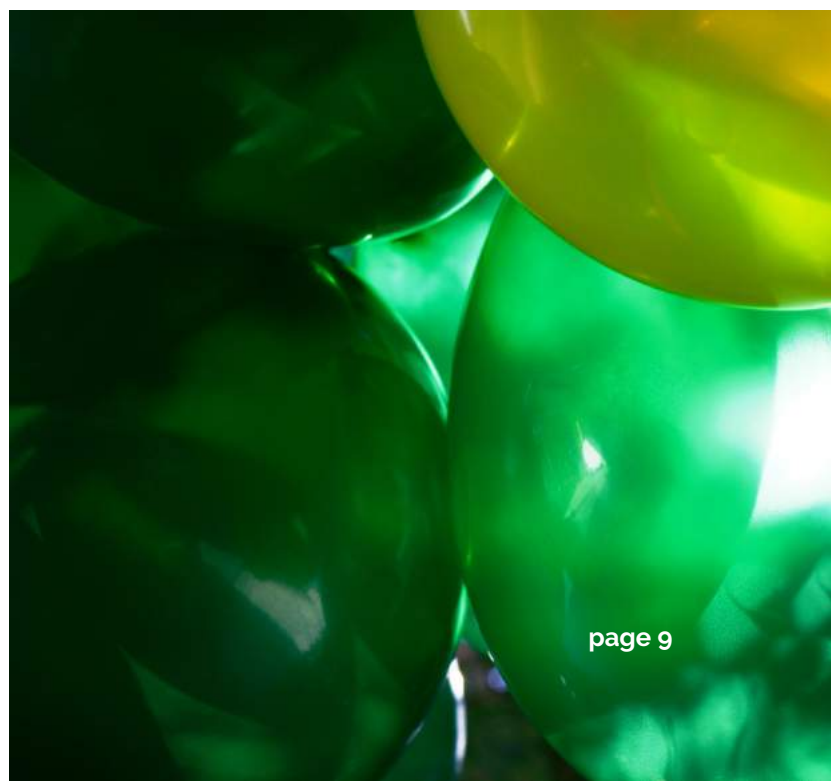


Biggest success of the programme?

- Programme is well-aligned.
- Well-structured, organised and informative.
- It brings professionals and other stakeholders together to implement plans and share resources.
- Collaborative effort and coordination, communication between role-players.
- Through Ezra's trainings and meetings there is always hope for whatever the situation is.
- Everyone has a heart and love for our community and children! We motivate and support one another.

Most important benefits of being part of this programme?

- Networking with other organisations.
- Not feeling alone in (child protection) efforts.
- Learned such a lot that I can take back to my organisation.
- Loads of information; guides to be utilised.
- Receiving information and being equipped with tools.
- Informative and easy terms to convey to our community and colleagues.
- Relationships.
- Referral processes.



COLLABORATIONS

COLLABORATIVE PSYCHO-SOCIAL RESILIENCE PROJECT

In response to the mental health challenges that escalated with the Covid-19 crisis, Ezraah coordinated an innovative psycho-social project in collaboration with Valcare, Sp(i)eel Art Therapies Collective and Good Hope Psychological Service with the following two goals during 2020:

- 1) To offer a story-making tool in an experiential workshop as a means to strengthen individual and group resilience and combat trauma as well as burnout.
- 2) To share theoretical knowledge on resilience and empower ground-workers with knowledge and tools to identify and help families in need of psychosocial support during the COVID-19 crisis.

Read more about this project at <https://www.ezrah.co.za/organisations-unite-to-provide-psychosocial-support-amidst-covid-19>.

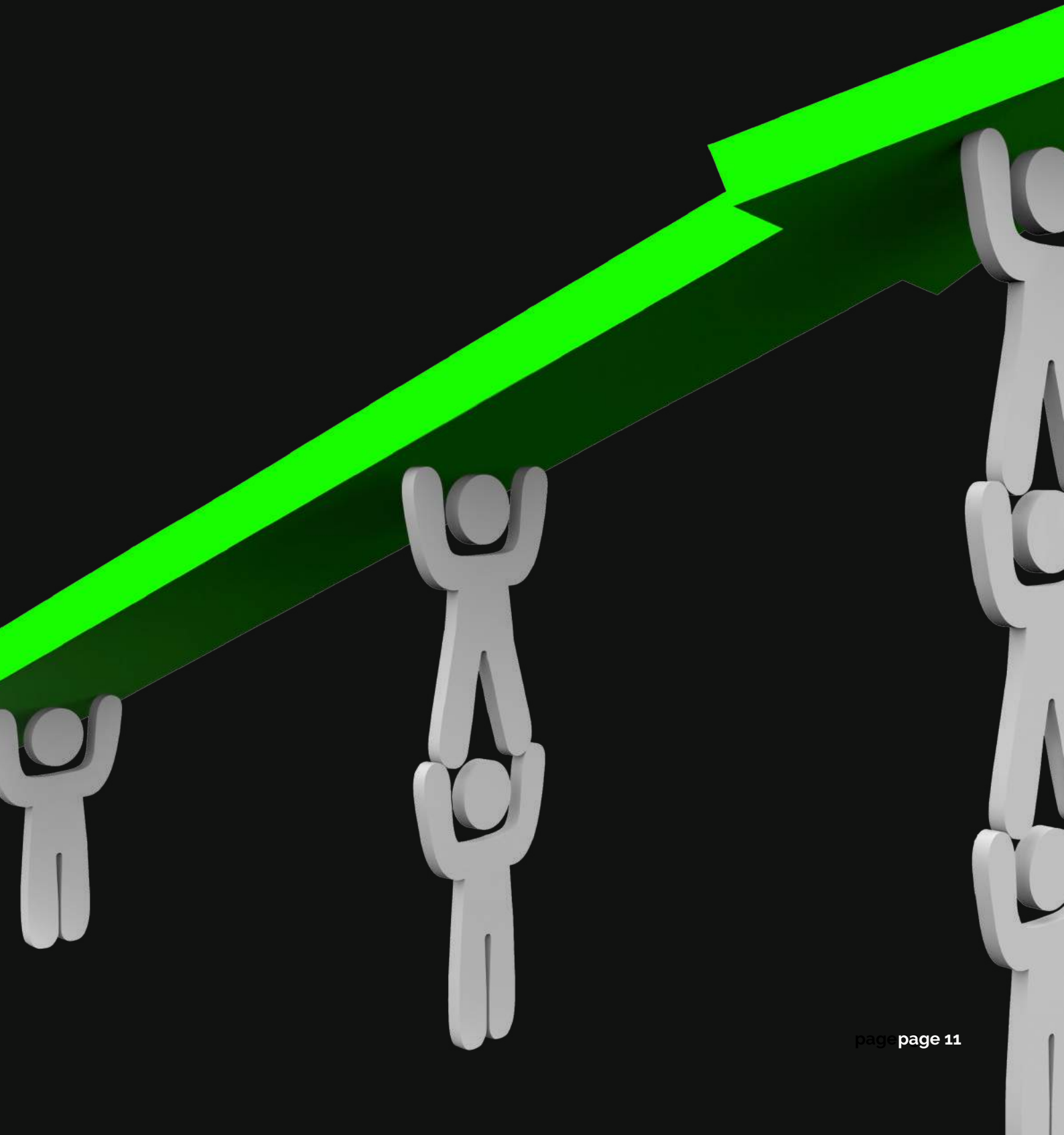


"Both during the preparation and presentation of these workshops I am touched by the capacity and desire for the human spirit to want to reach out and connect to each other, especially during difficult times.

Despite the challenges presented by an online platform, we found universal themes in our stories, moments of shared laughter and tears and a bonding around the creative tasks that affirms we are stronger together and left me with a sense of hope and gratitude for what is possible under extreme circumstances."

- Marlize Swanepoel, Director of Sp(i)eel Arts Therapies Collective

COLLABORATION ON COUNTERING CHILD TRAFFICKING



PROGRESS

A forum was established between Ezra, the Department of Social Development, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety and A21 to counter child trafficking in Drakenstein and the wider Western Cape. As a result of forum meetings, the following outcomes were achieved during this time period (September 2021 to November 2021):

- Ezra drafted the terms of reference to strengthen services in line with the National SOP for Integrated Assistance to Victims of Trafficking. These terms of reference were accepted by the delegates of the forum with the understanding that it may be updated as the work of the forum develops.
- Ezra led a process to identify training gaps for SAPS related to child trafficking - the Western Cape Department of Community Safety has forwarded these training recommendations to National SAPS.
- The gap analysis that was drafted by Ezra with input from the Drakenstein Department of Social Development was not only shared with the delegates of the forum, but also with delegates of the Western Cape Department of Social Development.
- A follow-up online meeting was scheduled by the WC Dept. of Social Development for February 2022, where further action plans related to child protection will be discussed.

Collaboration

teamwork

exchange

support

share

trust

FUTURE PLANNING



CHILD PROTECTION STEERING GROUP EVENTS FOR 2022

- 26 January 2022
- 16 March 2022
- 4 May 2022
- 1 June 2022
- 10 August 2022
- 12 October 2022
- 9 November 2022



EZRAH CHILD-FOCUSED WORKSHOPS FOR 2022

- LEAD Child Participation Workshop: 24 February 2022
- Child Protection Workshop: 13 April 2022
- BuildSmart Parent Mentoring Workshop: 8 September 2022

REFERRAL WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

We will continue with working group meetings to draft a referral and communication flowchart to support child victims of exploitation in the Drakenstein-area.

#PARENTTALK SESSION WITH CASE-SA

At our first Drakenstein child protection steering group event on the 22nd of January 2022, the Centre Against Sexual Exploitation will introduce their #Parenttalk course to assist parents to navigate through the harmful effects of porn on children.



SOCIAL WORKER CASE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS

We are in the process of applying with the SACSSP to obtain CPD points for social workers attending our case management discussions that will be hosted from March 2022 to empower social workers with better child protection case management skills.



COLLABORATIONS

We value our collaborations with the Western Cape Department of Social Development, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety, A21, Sp(i)eel Collective, Valcare, the Thuthuzela Care Centre, Cause for Justice and the National Freedom Network to address child protection challenges.



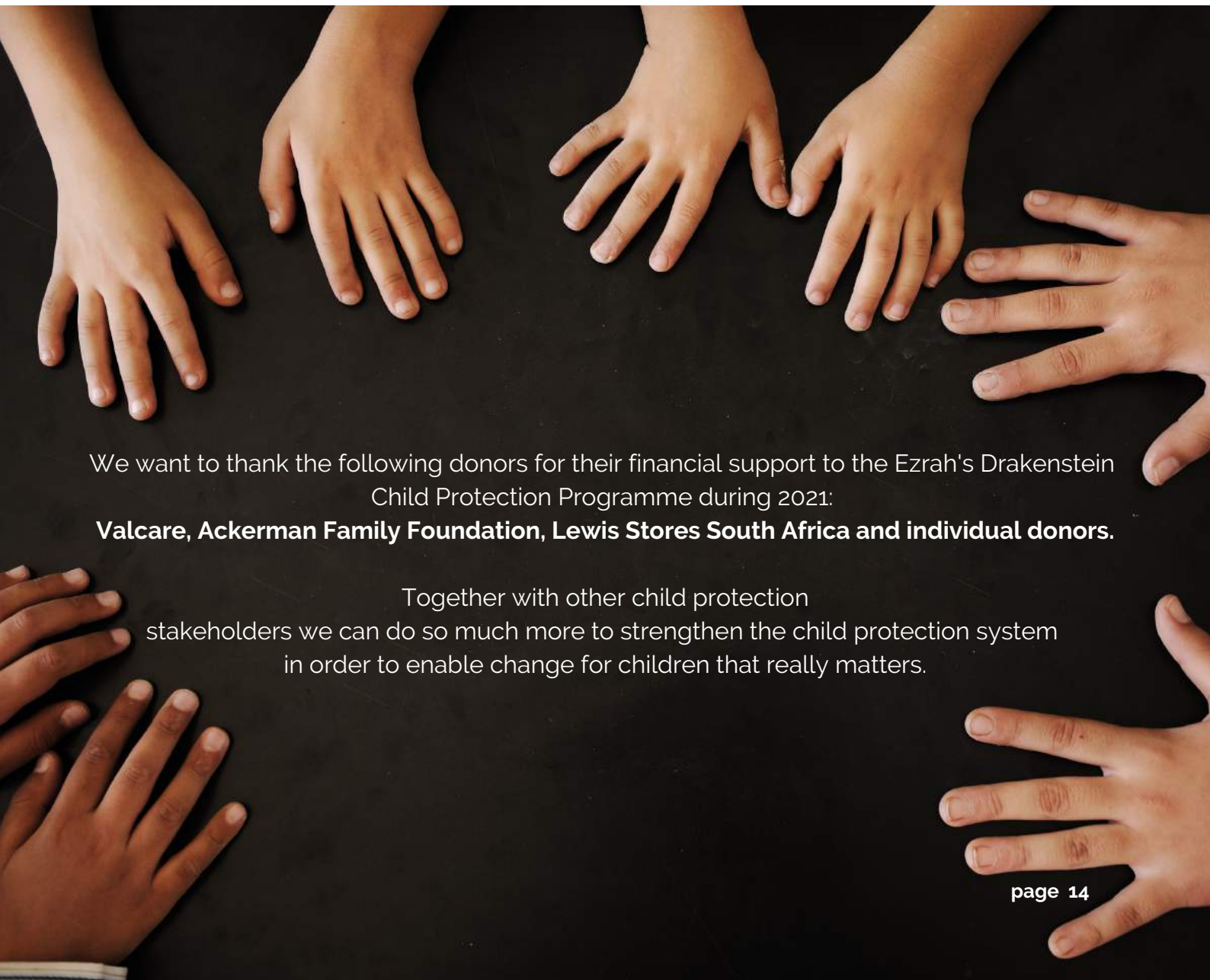
INVITE TO TAKE HANDS WITH US



The Drakenstein Child Protection Programme has grown with leaps and bounds over the last two years as the Covid-crisis magnified the need for an integrated response to child protection. Ezraah responded to this challenge by stepping up our efforts to promote quality support services to children through collaboration, the development of innovative models and capacity building.

As we realise the intensity and number of outputs that are needed in order to address the complexity of child protection challenges, Ezraah's main focus for 2022 will be to expand our flagship programme even further. This will be done through additional activities such as case management discussions for social workers, online courses and more collaborative projects with other child-focused stakeholders. In order to implement these activities with excellence, our budget has increased and we therefore welcome the contributions of new donors, who share this dream of safer spaces for children with us.

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Valcare, Ackerman Family Foundation, Lewis Stores South Africa and individual donors.

Together with other child protection stakeholders we can do so much more to strengthen the child protection system in order to enable change for children that really matters.

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