

# The Thogomelo Project

## Accredited curricula

The Thogomelo Project aims to improve the quality of care offered to vulnerable children, through building the capacity of the community caregivers who care for them. The Project includes three accredited skills development programmes, which are registered with the HWSETA. Credits earned through completing these skills development programmes contribute toward qualifications in Child and Youth Care, Social Auxillary Work and Victim Empowerment.



### Psychosocial Support Skills Development Programme for Community Caregivers

**NQF Levels 1 & 2: 25 credits**

The Psychosocial Support (PSS) programme assists community caregivers to identify the causes and signs of psychosocial stress and develop coping strategies – to take care of their own psychosocial wellbeing. The nine modules cover: the role and responsibilities of a community caregiver; understanding psychosocial wellbeing; dealing with stress, death, bereavement and frightening experiences; creating a caring organisation, and basic child protection knowledge and skills to enable community caregivers to respond to vulnerable, abused, neglected or exploited children.

### Child Protection Skills Development Programme for Supervisors of Community Caregivers

**NQF Levels 3 & 4: 21 credits**

The Child Protection programme is intended for supervisors of community caregivers. The curriculum focuses on community caregivers' role in caring for and protecting children in the context of South African law – to ensure the best interests of the child are upheld. The eight modules cover: understanding children; vulnerability, abuse, neglect and exploitation of children; responding to children; and building child champions in community caregiving organisations.



### Supportive Supervision Skills Development Programme for Supervisors of Community Caregivers

**NQF Levels 3 & 4: 25 credits**

The Supportive Supervision programme was developed to compliment the PSS programme for community caregivers. The focus is on encouraging supervisors to play a more supportive role in assisting community caregivers to take care of their own psychosocial wellbeing. The three modules cover: psychosocial wellbeing and self care; supportive supervision; and creating a caring organisation.

Qualified training service providers are available in each province to deliver the three curricula.

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