



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Gauteng Department of Social Development issues enforcement of closure to Alex Creche

The Day Care Centre has been instructed by the department to stop operating and is provided with ten days to effect closure. Within the next ten days, the Department of Social Development commits to engage the parents of the children attending Stepping Stone Day Care Centre to assist with supporting the process of moving their children to alternative Registered Partial Care Facilities in the area.

Moreover, the department has submitted Form 22 to report the Practitioner that was responsible for the child in the National Child Abuse Register.

In terms of Section 80(1)(a) any person or organisation may establish or operate a partial care facility provided that the facility is registered with the Provincial Government where the facility is situated. Furthermore, in terms of Section 95(1)(a) any person or organisation providing an Early Childhood Development Programme must register the Programme with the Head of Social Development. In light of this Stepping Stone Day Care Centre is found to be in contravention of Act 38 of 2005 of the Children's Act.

MEC Morakane Mosupyo was deeply concerned and stated that, "The Head of Department must initiate a temporary closure of the ECD in line with the Children's Act pending the outcome of the SAPS investigation and the legal action." It must be noted however, that the department fully support the child and family. The department has communicated to the family it will give them all the support it can.

Gauteng Department of Social Development appeals to parents and guardians to ensure that the ECDs they enroll their children to are legally registered with the Department of Social Development.

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