

**PROGRESS REPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE - GAUTENG
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009**

1. STATISTICS

Activity	Sanctuary			Hospice			Cotlands House		
	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Apr 09	May 09	June 09
Number of Admissions	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0
Discharges	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
On ART	23	22	23	6	6	5	8	8	9
Place of Safety	28	25	27	8	8	8	1	1	1
Fostered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adopted	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunification	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Activity	Sanctuary			Hospice			Cotlands House		
	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09
Number of Admissions	1	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	0
Discharges	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On ART	25	25	25	6	5	5	9	9	9
Place of Safety	27	27	27	7	10	10	1	1	1
Fostered	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Adopted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunification	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Objective	Achievements	Challenges
Psychosocial Intervention:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two of the older children at Cotlands House were ready to be informed of their HIV status. This was done with the assistance of the book “Brenda has got a dragon in her blood”. The will receive ongoing counselling and education about their HIV status, both individually and in group. - One child was adopted, two children were fostered and four returned to their families over the past six months. - The life skills programme has been introduced to the children at Cotlands House, and there is a definite improvement in their behaviour and sense of responsibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although generally children understand and accept their HIV status quite readily, they do not seem to realise the implications of disclosing this indiscriminately to others. We need to find a way where they understand the need to be selective about who they tell, but without them feeling stigmatised. - As per the Children’s Act, Cotlands must rely on outside agencies to arrange adoptive and foster care placements. These agencies do not always seem to understand the importance of placing children as soon as possible, and this, together with a very high staff turnover, has resulted in a very low placement rate.
Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cotlands admitted a child from another facility that needed palliative care. He suffered from meningococcal meningitis which resulted in loss of hearing and speech as well as paraplegia. He has made tremendous progress since his admission and can once again walk confidently and use the toilet independently. His communication is still poor but he has been fitted for a hearing aid, which he received in September. As his estimated age is around 4 years, he has been enrolled at ECD, which he seems to really enjoy. - Two children were assessed at TMI in June and diagnosed with hyperactive disorder. They have been started on Ritalin but will be closely monitored. - Currently 39 of our residential children are on antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. - All the children underwent the annual TB screening in July, and although two children tested positive, their x-rays were clear and they do not require treatment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More of our staff need to learn sign language so that they can teach and communicate with hard of hearing patients. - Over the past six months, four children have had to change their ARV regime as they developed Lipodystrophy. It appears that after five years some patients develop resistance to one of the drugs and their treatment regime needs to be changed. - Sadly one of our long term Hospice residents passed away on 7th May 2009. She was receiving treatment at the Soweto Hospice at the time, which made it more difficult for the staff and volunteers to accept, as she was not in our care at the end.

<p>Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was the child care workers turn to arrange the school holiday programme during the July holidays. The shifts worked cooperatively on developing this programme, which in addition to providing entertainment, was also designed to teach the children life skills. - One of our children at Sparrows School was assessed by an educational psychologist as he is really not coping with school, even though he is in the special class. It has been recommended that he be transferred to a school for mentally challenged children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The children did struggle with the outcomes of some of the activities. In an institutional environment where there is little opportunity for individuality some lessons are hard to learn, such as not everyone can win all the time. - The only suitable school for this child is The Hamlet, and unfortunately they have no vacancies this year, so he can only be enrolled in January 2010.
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