

constructs of care

Building Children's Nursing for Africa Conference

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The River Club, Observatory, Cape Town

Building Children's Nursing for Africa conference 2019: 'Constructs of Care'

A participative conference for nurses who work with children, newborns to adolescents, and their families, to consider and celebrate their contribution to excellence in care

An interview with Sebotse Ngake, the Deputy Director Child Health at National Department of Health, Pretoria by Nadia Harris (MNCN 1st year student)



Biography

Sebotse Ngake was born in Mpumalanga in a small village called Matibidi Village formally known as the old Eastern Transvaal. She completed an undergraduate nursing diploma at Bonalesedi Nursing College in 1992 and acquired an Occupational Health certificate in 1996. In 2000, she completed both a BTech Community nursing and Advanced nursing diploma in Nursing Administration and Education. In 2013 she graduated from Wits University with a master's in public health.

Work experience

1993 - 1995 worked at Boksburg Benoni Hospital.
1996 - 1997 worked at Louise pasture Hospital pediatric ward.
1997 - 2001 - Bronkospruit Local Municipality Community Clinic Health Nursing.
2001- 2006 - National Department of health as Assistant Director for Child Health.
2007 to date Deputy director for Child Health.

Vision for child nursing

Sebotse Ngake would like systems to be in place to ensure research, training and clinical practice are synchronized to address the current situation of disease burdens. This would enable a child to survive, thrive and transform.

How did she hear about the conference?

An invitation was sent to the National Department of Health and she was keen to attend and gave a presentation titled: 'The new Road to Health Book and the under-five campaign'.

About the bcn conference

Sebotse Ngake found the conference very insightful, and packed full of interesting presentations and would like future conferences to discuss how the issues presented, could assist in adaptation and implementation in the clinical space.