

and drug and substance abuse by youth and adults, teenage pregnancies and unemployment.

### **Elandspoor**

Elandspoor is principally a white, community with an estimated 75% of the population unskilled and unemployed. Daily social problems encountered includes drug and alcohol abuse, high school drop-out rates, teenage pregnancy, domestic violence, child neglect and/or abuse.

### **Pretoria Midcity/Sunnyside**

A densely populated area in Sunnyside has mainly high rise flats with 80% of the population being black. Given the affordability of the housing a high percentage of the residents are lower income demographics residing in this area.

### **Olievenhoutbosch**

A predominantly black area in the south of Tshwane is living proof of extreme poverty, unemployment, crime and high percentages of HIV/AIDS population forms part of the social challenges we are faced with in the Tshwane Metropolitan area.

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## Child Welfare Tshwane today

Child Welfare Tshwane provides preventative, developmental, early intervention (kinship and foster placements, children's home placements as well as family adoptions) and statutory intervention social work services to orphaned and vulnerable children and families in need of social, emotional and financial support.

### **Risk Assessment**

A dedicated team of social workers deals with immediate assessments, covering any reports ranging from basic and forensic assessments and, therapy including individual, family as well as play therapy.

### **Family Preservation**

The family preservation program focuses on the management of drop in centers, after school homework support, life-skill training, support groups, holiday programs and early childhood development activities. Five service points are located within the economically challenged communities of Elandspoor, Mid-City/Sunnyside, Mamelodi, Eersterust and Atteridgeville. During 2013, a total of 11,028 mothers and children benefitted from the family preservation program.

### **Legal Protection**

The legal protection services encompasses children's court investigations, adoptions, identifying places of safety and foster care services. Social Work services are rendered in

an effort to preserve the family (keep the family together). When such efforts are unsuccessful, the children impacted must be protected from any potential form of harm, neglect, abuse or ill-treatment.

### **Adoptions**

This adoptions unit places abandoned babies and children available for adoption according to the Children's act with adoptive parents, after an intensive screening process. Children are either

abandoned babies or signed off to be adopted.

### **Family Reunification**

Family reunification services are goal-directed, planned support and empowerment services to the child, parent or caregiver of the child to allow family reunification and facilitate the restoration of the child to the care of such parent(s), guardian or caregiver.

### **Bramley Children's home**

Bramley Children's Home accommodates 54 children in terms of the Children's Act. A holistic service is delivered which focuses on the physical, social, educational, spiritual and emotional care of the children. A weekend and holiday parent program provides these youngsters a bit of a 'normal' opportunity to be part of a well-functioning family, and these bonds formed become very important to the children.

### **Service points in a nutshell**

#### **Atteridgeville**

Atteridgeville, a majority black-populated community located in the west of Tshwane is a dis-advantaged community with an astounding 70% of the population experiencing poverty and unemployment.

#### **Mamelodi**

In the east of Tshwane, Mamelodi is challenged with 80% of the population fighting poverty and unemployment. Prominent problems such as drug abuse among children, lack of parental guidance and HIV/AIDS is a growing concern within this black majority community.

#### **Eersterust**

A predominantly colored community boasts serious issues enveloping child neglect, abuse, abandonment

