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ADOLESCENT YOUTH FRIENDLY SERVICES

Tongaat Community Health Centre in collaboration with Department of Education, SAPS, municipality and other stakeholders held an Adolescent and Youth Friendly Services (AYFS) launch on the 6th September 2017 at the Tongaat Town Hall.

The AYFS incorporate the concept of **“Happy Hour”** to the community of Tongaat. This initiative was warmly welcomed by all the high schools in Tongaat hence

282 learners from Belverton Secondary, Buffelsdale Secondary, Nkosibomvu Secondary, Tongaat Secondary and Fairbreeze Combined School attended.

The launch was graced with the attendance of the Honorable Deputy Mayor of eThekweni, Ms. F Peer as well as Mr. Xolani Mbangatha, eThekweni Health District HIV/AIDS coordinator. During Mr. **Mbangatha’s speech he unpacked** the AYF services that are going to be offered at the CHC.

SAPS Captain PZ Ngwane addressed the learners on many dangers facing the youth like the dangers of bullying and carrying of dangerous weapons by learners at schools.

Different speakers from the CHC also unpacked what services they are going to be offering to the youth when visiting the CHC.

The youth services will be available Monday to Friday from 14h00 to all youth.



Dignitaries who attended the launch



Organizing committee and staff members who worked at the launch



Honourable Deputy Mayor Ms. F Peer with Tongaat Secondary learners



Dr B.M Roopsingh delivering his welcome and purpose of the day speech as typed below

Thank you programme director Miss Lungile Xulu. On behalf of the management , staff and patients of Tongaat CHC I take this opportunity of welcoming you all very warmly and thanking you all for coming this morning. The Honourable Deputy Mayor who will be joining us very soon, members of the SAPS Tongaat, delegates from the Department of Education, NGO, Librarian from Tongaat Library and the interim chairperson of our board in absentia as he has a bereavement in the family and a very very warm welcome to all of you once again and most especially our future leaders and the various professions that you all are going to be joining in the not too distant future. All protocols observed. At this stage I want to reassure our children here today that you are extremely fortunate that you are attending school because there are thousands of children in our country who cannot afford to attend school so please listen and pay attention to your educators for they will guide you in your chosen career. Your education must be top priority. Now ladies and gentlemen and our dear children why have we all convened here with the senior delegates from different sectors of government from a health perspective we are going to highlight services that are pertinent to you which you can access at TCHC. I will highlight a few services which the gist of the speakers who are experts in their field will elaborate more on the services they offer.

We offer 24 hours treatment of minor ailments but please if you do have a minor ailment come within 8am to 4pm because after 4pm we have an accident and emergency units that deal with emergencies so if you come with a minor ailment you may have to wait long as emergencies will be given priority. We have an HIV/AIDS UNIT with a dedicated doctor thus services also incorporate a TB service. As far as HIV /AIDS is concerned prevention is better than cure. We have a daily male medical circumcision that is done daily so if you are not circumcised I urge you to have it done if you are 12 years as it prevents HIV/AIDS by 60% but you have to use a male or female condom. We have a clinical psychologist who interacts with all the disciplines especially the social worker who will elaborate more on that aspect. We have three mobile units that visits various points to treat patients together with school health teams and a family health team. We provide a 24 hour services for drunken drivers that are brought by law enforcement agencies and those drunken drivers are given priority in order that we can release the police officers to fight crime in our town and surrounding areas. Then we offer a 24 hour post exposure prophylaxis for sexually assaulted victims provided you come within 72 hours after the assault. Human bites within 72 hours also qualify for post exposure prophylaxis.

We have a sustainable abuse programme and the relevant social worker will elaborate more on that aspects. In closure I want to remind you that when you see the moon you see the beauty of God when you see the sun you see the power of God and when you see the mirror you see the best creation of God. So believe in yourself , work and study . Set your goals now and I can assure you, you will achieve them. I thank you for your attention and God bless.

AYFS LAUNCH IN PICTURES



Mr. S.A Chetty Department of Education circuit manager



Captain Zwane—SAPS Tongaat



Ms. Z Mkhize—Nutritionist informing learners of the importance of eating right.



Mr. Sihle Madonsela from Love Life



Dr Roopsingh welcoming the Deputy Mayor



Dr. B.M Roopsingh—TCHC CEO handing over a token of appreciation to Deputy Mayor



Officials from TCHC and Love life



Senior delegates from different departments.



Learners from different schools in Tongaat.



Mr. Nandisa Khathi—HRD Practitioner informing learners of the departments bursaries



Buffelsdale Secondary doing a play on teenage pregnancy



Ms. Lungile Xulu—Programme Director

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