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KZN LAUNCHES MOTHERS TO MOTHERS TO BE PROGRAMME

The Provincial Department of Health through its Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission programme will launch the Mothers to Mothers to Be (M2M2B) programme in the province.

The M2M2B programme is designed with an objective of ensuring that HIV positive mothers give support to expecting HIV positive women, hence the name Mothers to Mothers to Be. Through this programme HIV positive mothers who had been on the PMTCT programme become mentors for HIV positive mothers to be throughout the pregnancy and into motherhood. 10 clinics have embarked on this programme and have each recruited HIV positive mothers to work as mentors and provide not only support but also advise and share their experiences as HIV positive mothers with other HIV positive pregnant women attending antenatal clinics. All mentors are trained on the basic facts of HIV and AIDS as well as on issues relating to PMTCT and the importance of adherence to treatment.

It is envisaged that the launch of the M2M2B programme will be one of many in this province.

Details of the launch event are as follows:

DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 2005

VENUE: DEMONSTRATION GARDENS (BEHIND HARRY GWALA STADIUM – PIETERMARITZBURG)

TIME: 10H30

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