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Dear Colleague

Invitation to a short course:
Child rights and child law for health and allied professionals

This accredited five-day short course provides cutting-edge education in child rights and child law for health and allied professionals - including training on consent to medical treatment and the reporting of child abuse and neglect as outlined in the new Children's Act.

The course is targeted at doctors, nurses, educators and allied professionals who are responsible for child health at all levels of the health care system. It carries 60 CPD ethics points for professionals registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa and 20 CPD points for social workers registered with the SA Council for Social Service Professions.

Aims and objectives

The course aims to build a network of health and allied professionals interested in promoting children's rights and sharing best practice, and will:

- deepen your understanding of child rights and child law in South Africa;
- enable you to apply this understanding in your daily practice;
- enable you to advocate for children's health both within and outside the health care system.

Content

A series of six modules examine:

1. The relationship between child health and children's rights
2. Child rights principles and provisions in international and South African law
3. Laws, policies and programmes that give effect to children's rights in South Africa
4. Making children's rights a reality: in individual practice
5. Making children's rights a reality: within the health care system
6. Making children's rights a reality: addressing the social determinants of health.

Dates: 1 – 5 September 2014

Feedback from previous participants

"This is an excellent course and is relevant to a broad range of health professionals working in the field of paediatrics and child health, including nurse practitioners, paediatricians and health managers. As a clinician, one comes to see the application of children's rights as a vital part of clinical practice. I would recommend this course to all those working in the area of child health."

District Paediatrician for Metro West, Department of Health, Western Cape

“Since coming back from the course, I am a changed man and professional, I really take my work responsibilities seriously. I’m a child ambassador at the local and district hospitals. I now run training on the Children’s Act and other related acts to forensic, paediatric, and general nurses.”

Clinical psychologist and educator: Department of Health, Limpopo

“What I have realised is that in our practice most children’s rights are not adhered to at all, maybe because Health Professionals and Allied workers are not aware of them.”

Nurse: City of Cape Town

“I found the material clear and concise, and really appreciated the structure of the course. The area to cover is vast, and the legal language and interpretation is usually difficult. The course simplified and contextualised child rights very well. Besides my teaching to undergrads and post grads, I found that it inspired me to continue advocating for children. The difference now, is that I have a sound grasp of what the rights are, and can take on the challenges with this knowledge.”

Paediatrician at University of KwaZulu-Natal and Department of Health, KwaZulu-Natal

Course fees

The total course fee is R4000 per participant which includes the 5 days of training, course materials and on-going access to all course materials and further readings via an online learning website. UCT staff and students are eligible for a discounted rate of R2500. Participants from outside of Cape Town will need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Application process

If you are interested in applying to attend the course, please complete the attached application form and return it to Bronwen Williams by **Friday 8 August 2014**. Once your application has been accepted we will send you the details for payment. Please note that your place on the course will only be secured once we have received proof of payment from you or your institution. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to pass the invitation on to colleagues who you think would be interested.

For more information on the course please contact Bronwen Williams: telephone (021) 650 1473 or 021 650 1468, fax (021) 689 8330 or e-mail bee.williams@uct.ac.za.

Yours sincerely

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