



## MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORK FOR ECD

**A toolkit for getting Early Childhood Development into your local municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP)**

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**Participate in your local municipality IDP process to ensure ECD is prioritised in your community**

# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST CREATE SAFE AND VIBRANT CARE AND LEARNING SPACES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

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## WHY IS THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IMPORTANT FOR ECD?

The rules and regulations governing registration of ECD programmes at the local level are unrealistic, onerous and unaffordable. The ECD Policy also says that local municipalities have a duty to provide new infrastructure for ECD and help identify infrastructure that can be used to expand access to ECD.

Plans for this should be included in the local municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

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## WHAT IS AN IDP?

The Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is the plan that includes the short, medium, and long term plans for the local municipality. IDPs are reviewed annually.

If ECD is not in the IDP and not in the budget then your local municipality will not prioritise it.



**REAL REFORM IS CALLING ON EVERYONE TO RAISE THEIR VOICES FOR THE YOUNG CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITY: GET ECD INTO YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IDP.**

# HOW TO GET ECD INTO YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IDP



**Find out who your councillor is. SMS your ID Number to 32245 (R1 per SMS) to receive your current ward councillor information**

- Contact your councillor and ask what the best way is to participate in the IDP process. If your councillor is unresponsive, try the Office of the Mayor or the Office of the Speaker



**Join the IDP Representative Forum**

- Municipalities are supposed to have an IDP Representative Forum. Ask your councillor how you can join the Representative Forum. Let's work to make sure there are advocates for ECD on this Forum



**Mobilise the ECD community and parents to attend and participate in the IDP community participation meetings**

- At the IDP participatory meetings, explain that you want to see priorities for ECD in the IDP
- Also engage your councillor, educate your councillor and work hard to make them a champion for ECD

# WHAT SHOULD I ADVOCATE FOR IN THE IDP?

**START BY ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF YOUR AREA: BRAINSTORM WITH OTHER ECD PROGRAMMES AND DETERMINE YOUR PRIORITIES AND WHAT YOU THINK YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MUST FOCUS ON**



Here are some suggestions of what you might want to ask your local municipality to commit to:

- Use municipal and national data on ECD service provisioning to identify access gaps, needs and challenges
- Set clear targets and allocate funding for new builds and upgrades for ECD programmes
- Identify underutilised infrastructure as venues for ECD programmes
- Provide basic services (electricity, water and sanitation) to ECD programmes free of charge
- Provide a fee waiver of municipal fees for all ECD programmes
- Accept simplified, attainable and affordable land use options
- Accept a hand-drawn site plan and floor plan instead of building plans
- Rapidly address local municipality delays as part of the registration process

## NEXT STEPS...

- A draft IDP plan will be prepared by the local municipality following the community meetings. Review this draft plan and if ECD is still not adequately reflected, prepare a submission to the municipality on the draft IDP.
- In addition to seeing ECD in your IDP, municipalities must have a multi-disciplinary team in place that is knowledgeable about ECD and working to implement the IDP. We need all these building blocks in place.
- Your ECD forum may also consider setting up a system to monitor the IDP processes and require regular updates on ECD specific matters with the local authorities.

*If you've missed the dates for the IDP participation process with your local municipality this year, IDPs are reviewed annually so you will have another opportunity next year.*



**According to the law, you have a right to participate in your local municipality's IDP process. Should you experience difficulties such as being denied access to public hearings or prevented from speaking at the public hearings, please contact the Real Reform for ECD Campaign for assistance (071 233 0744)**



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