



WEBINAR

South Africa’s children and their families face a multitude of challenges relating to poverty, inequality, poor nutrition, mental health, exposure to violence, and a lack of parenting knowledge and skills. These challenges impact children’s ability to learn, thrive, and grow. While national policies support intersectoral collaborations to address these issues, misalignment between schools, health, and social services means that many children do not receive the full support they need.

The **Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) and the South African Research Chairs at the University of Johannesburg** invite you to this close-off webinar where we will share the findings of the Communities of Practice (CoP) study to promote child wellbeing.

Investing in the Early School Years

PRESENTERS:

- **Professor Leila Patel**, Distinguished Professor, Social Development Studies, CSDA, University of Johannesburg: *Investing in the early school years: strengthening school-based support services (Policy Brief)*
- **Professor Lauren Graham**, Director, CSDA, University of Johannesburg: *Using a digital Child Well-being Tracking Tool to enhance service delivery: Lessons for Scale-Up (Policy Brief)*
- **CHAIR: Professor Elizabeth Henning**, NRF South Africa Chair: *Integrated Studies of Learning Language, Science and Mathematics in the primary school*

DISCUSSANTS:

- **Mastoera Sadan** (Chief Sector Expert, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, Republic of South Africa)
- **Anthony Meyers** (Director Learner Psycho-Social Services, Gauteng Department of Education)
- **Yvonne Deonarain** (Director, Gauteng Department of Social Development)

DATE: 18 March 2025 | **TIME:** 10:30 - 12:00 SAST | **FORMAT:** Virtual
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