



Connect Network Child Protection Campaign

May 2018

Child protection week is 28 May to 4 June
and Connect Network has deemed
May as Child Protection Month.

There are several ways to join us in
promoting Child Protection issues within
your organisation and community.

what you can do

what your organisation can do

what your church can do

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1. Wear your green ribbon

Be a child advocate by wearing your green ribbon, displaying it in your organisations or on your cars.



2. Knit a green beanie for a child



Hand the beanies out to children in need in your communities to create awareness and get conversations going about Child Protection issues.

3. Attend the service of Hope & Blessing

We all come together once per year to pray for all of the children in our spheres of influence. The details for this year are:

Sunday 27 May

10:00 am

Gardens Presbyterian Church

151 Hatfield Street

Gardens, Cape Town

what your organisation can do

1. Get creative!

- Wrap trees in green fabric in your communities
- Hand out green ribbons at your local schools, churches and traffic lights
- Knit green beanies as a staff building time
- Create a new event!



Take pictures to share what you're doing with the network!

2. Implement the Good Treatment Campaign

It is about children saying “Enough! No more violence.”

Supported by project leaders, child advocates take to city streets to talk with adults, and give them information cards, about how they treat their children. Parents who have behaved badly towards children pledge to change their ways.



This campaign falls directly in line with Connect's Safe Community Strategy.



Goals:

- Adults in the community will know how to treat children better
- The number of adults involved is measured
- Children understand how they should be treated
- Children are empowered to advocate for good treatment

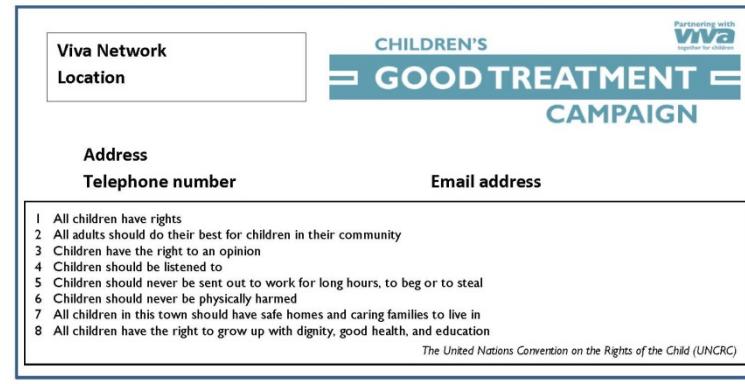
By signing the promise card, children, together with their mentors will introduce the **5 ways to treat children better:**

1. Tell them that you love them every day
2. Listen to what they have to say and spend time with them
3. Accept them as they are and recognise their qualities
4. Support their learning and train them to accept good values
5. Teach them responsibility and help them to resolve their conflicts

The main parts of the programme are:

The Promise Card

- Wallet-sized cards
- Two-sided
- Adults sign and keep their own card



The Commitment Sign-Up List

- To collect signatures
- For evidence and reporting



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THE PROMISE SIGN-UP RECORD

FIVE WAYS TO TREAT CHILDREN WELL



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SIGNED

NAME

The Closed Questions

- Simple responses
- Children can record these
- Use randomly

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Closed questions for gathering additional feedback

Tick a box beside Yes or No each time you get a response. You don't always need to ask all 5 questions.

I Have you thought about these issues before?

2 Do you know if children are properly protected in this town?

3 Do children have the right to an opinion and to be treated with dignity?

4 Can all children in this town grow up with good health and education?

5 Do you think that our community and authorities should work together to bring about Good Treatment for children?

The Open Questions

- For use by an accompanying adult
- To record brief notes of any responses
- Can lead to valuable research data

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Sample open questions for expansive discussion and some feedback
(These are for use by the accompanying adult or an older teenager)

1 How can children in this town be better protected and cared for?

2 What needs to happen so that children can enjoy being children here?

3 What would you like to do to help children and what could our local government do better?

The Feedback Report Form, Page 1

- Quantitative and qualitative feedback
- Valuable for next stage planning

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Network Feedback Form

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Network name _____	
Inputs	Outcomes
<p>How many children, adults, churches and organisations were involved in running this programme?</p> <p>Children _____</p> <p>Adults _____</p> <p>Churches _____</p> <p>Organisations _____</p>	How did they gain benefit and skills?
<p>Hours of training/preparation given to:</p> <p>Children _____</p> <p>Adults _____</p>	<p>Hours of training/preparation given to:</p> <p>Children _____</p> <p>Adults _____</p>
<p>How many adults were spoken to during the campaign?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How many sign-ups were collected? _____</p> <p>How many cards distributed? _____</p>
Budget set _____	Budget spent (describe the reason for any variables) _____

The Feedback Report Form, Page 2

- Useful for engaging organisations and authorities
- Supports network reviews

<p>Responses to closed questions asked:</p> <p>1. Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>2. Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>3. Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>4. Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>5. Yes _____ No _____</p>	<p>Conclusions drawn from responses:</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>
<p>Responses to open questions asked (summarise):</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>Conclusions drawn from responses:</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Summary of any formal/informal feedback about the issues presented during this campaign and methodologies/numbers gathered</p>	<p>What has this shown you about children's treatment now and the sustainability of improved/good treatment?</p>

Preparing Children for the Campaign

- Conduct a half day training or a few short sessions
- Help them to understand the issues they will be discussing
- Show them how to present the questionnaire (role play)
- Show them how to deal with responses
- Talk to them about they'll be kept safe
- Pray with them about the event and the people they will talk to

Preparing Adults for the Campaign

- Conduct a 2 to 3 hour session with the Action Group
- Make sure they understand the issues
- Review the safeguarding procedures of the children
- Conduct role play of likely scenarios
- Discuss the practicalities of supervising the teams of children
- Pray with them about the event and the people they will talk to

The campaign is guided by our joint vision as a network:

“To see children safe, well and fulfilling their God-given potential.

To also see children not only treated well by the adults around them, but also for the children themselves to be aware of how they should be treated and to be participants of ensuring their own good treatment.”

3. Sign up for the QIS training

Quality Improvement System (QIS) is a Viva-accredited organisational capacity building programme aimed at small to medium sized Christian non-profit organisations working with children. The goal of the programme is to improve the quality of care and service given to women and children at risk.

If you are interested in signing up, please call the Connect office at 021 852 9900.

what your church can do

1. Join in on Viva's Worldwide Weekend of Prayer: **2 & 3 June**

This is the 21st year of the Worldwide Weekend of Prayer!

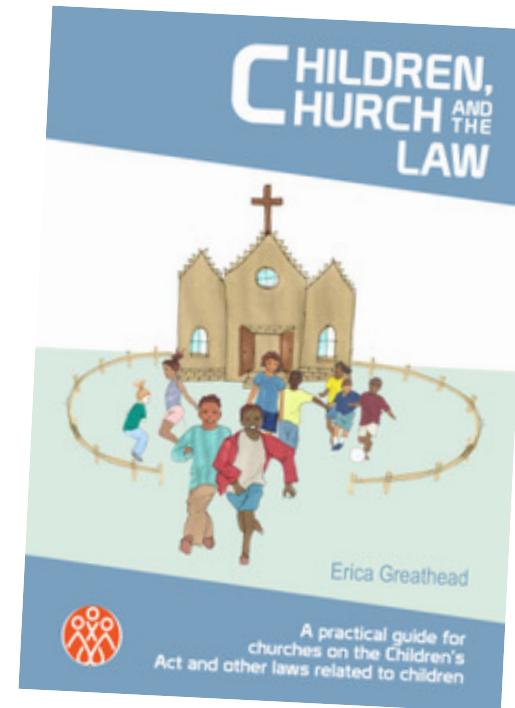
Go to www.viva.org/pray/world-weekend-of-prayer to find out how to join in on ramping up for the Worldwide Weekend of Prayer over the month of May.

- Study and discussion outlines
- Children's activity ideas
- Webinar training programme
- Illustrated children's prayer book
- Plus a virtual prayer space



2. Get your copy of *Children, Church and the Law*

This book is a practical guide for churches on the Children's Act and other laws relating to children. It is important every children's minister or youth leader has a copy.



Check out Connect Network's
website for details:

www.connectnetwork.org.za

Web page will be live in the next week!

