

Training and Resources in Early Education (TREE) was established 33 years ago as a non-profit organization, specializing in the field of Early Childhood Development.

It is one of the largest ECD Resource and Training organizations in South Africa.

TREE conducts training programs for ECD practitioners/teachers, parents and communities working with young children in severely marginalized communities throughout KwaZulu - Natal and parts of the Eastern Cape as well as Mpumalanga.

TREE assists communities to make appropriate provision for quality and sustainable ECD programs through improved knowledge, skills and practice.

With the desperate need for early childhood education in South Africa, and especially in KwaZulu, where 85% of all children ages 5 and under get *no early education whatsoever*, TREE trains in excess of 2000 ECD practitioners every year.

These educators receive accredited, level 4 ECD qualification with skills development - and a wide range of other ECD enrichment courses.

Through this capacity building, TREE supports ECD practitioners to implement quality, holistic and developmental early childhood programs in both formal and informal educational centers.

TREE targets its work in particularly marginalized and impoverished rural, informal settlements as well as peri-urban townships, where the opportunity for children to access quality programs is severely limited - and in some cases, totally non existent.

Through the various integrated programs, TREE reaches and improves the quality of life and educational potential for over 40 000 young children, ages 4 and under - every year.



"TREE's vision is to ensure that young children develop to their full potential in line with their rights and needs"