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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE
PROVISIONING AND FUNDING OF CHILD
WELFARE SERVICES

REVIEW OF DAY 1

CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS

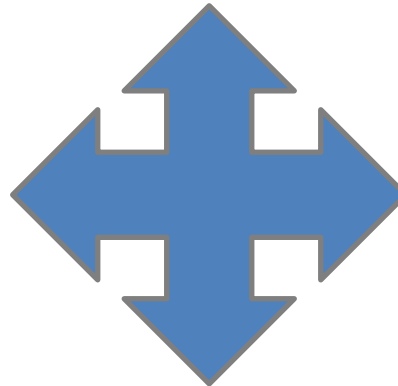
SERVICE
DELIVERY
MODEL

M&E

COLLABORATION

FINANCE

CAPACITY FOR QUALITY AND ACCESS



CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- Children's services to be prioritised
- No limitations on constitutional provisions
- Alignment of the budget process with Constitution?
- Children's Act full implementation
- 'May' vs 'must' provisions
- Lack of clarity re statutory services
- Comprehensive strategy vs piecemeal approach
- Role of the NDP

SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

- Lack of standardised model applied nationally
- Prioritisation problematic (child protection vs child justice vs PEI...)
- Reactive vs proactive and non-strategic
- Especially vulnerable groups still disadvantaged (perpetuating inequities)
- Quantifying need for services fundamental
- Appropriate norms and standards

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- Tracking of spending on children - difficult
- Financial awards policy... progressive?
- Services currently *partially* funded
- Crowding out of certain services
- Subsidy vs programme funding
- Costing models
- Inflation-adjusted benchmarks
- Administrative inefficiencies
- Funding crisis – dire consequences = URGENT

COLLABORATION

- Role of state vs non-profit sector/div of labour
- Inter-departmental relations
- Role of different stakeholders e.g. NPO Directorate
- Trust, communication and accountability
- Planning, budgeting & target setting
- Equality and stability (e.g., standardised salary scale)
- Incentivising performance
- Political commitment

CAPACITY FOR QUALITY AND ACCESS

- Provincial dept capacity (service, M&E, admin)
- NPO compliance & quality assurance
- Professionals vs paraprofessionals
- Innovative community-based model (Isibindi)
- Effectively build capacity of children's sector 'workforce'

MONITORING & EVALUATION

- Data collection
 - For what purpose?
 - Who has access?
 - How can sharing be enabled?
 - Is this the right information?
- Co-ordination/information systems development
- Role of non-financial data needs greater consideration
- Below sub-programme monitoring only possible at year-end