



**The working group on Alternative Care of the
Better Care Network Netherlands
would like to invite you for this meeting on**

Family Support and Strengthening

Monday May 6, 2013 from 14.00-16.00 hrs.

Programme

14.00-15.00: Child protection and family services in South Africa

Elize Coetzee (Director Resource Development) of Give a Child a Family (GCF) will give a presentation (30 min) and lead a discussion (30 min) on child protection and family services in South Africa.

GCF is an NGO in Kwazulu Natal Province (KZN) in South Africa. Its mission is for children to be in secure families. Their analyses in KZN show that strong cultural values are not always in the best interest of the child and can lead to the absence of fathers, high prevalence of teenage pregnancies, high number of sexual abuse cases and uncoordinated services of Government departments (police, social workers, home affairs). Therefore GCF runs a programme in two large communities in KZN on community and family support, strengthening and lobby.

15.00-15.15: Short Break

15.15-15.45: Skilful Parenting, Positive Parenting, Proud2Be a Parent

Margot Klute of Wereldkinderen - on behalf of the Together4Change Alliance¹ - will give a presentation (10 min) and lead a discussion (20 min) on the core qualities of parents and caregivers that according to the T4C Alliance mean a change in behaviour (skilful parenting behaviour) in terms of inclusiveness & safety; healthy self-esteem & affirmation; literacy; discipline & values; family budgeting and; how to protect children from risky situations.

15.45-15.50: Feedback by Elize Coetzee: learning points

15.50-16.00: Round up and planning for Thematic Day of BCN in September 2013

The main focus will be on *Moving Forward*, the new Handbook for the implementation of the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children. Who is willing to support the organization of this event?

Where

Wereldkinderen, Riouwstraat 191, 2585 HT, The Hague

Please confirm your participation by sending an email to Lotte Ghielen, assistant coordinator BCNN at info@bettercarenetwork.nl

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¹ The Together4Change Alliance consists of the following organisations: International Child Support, SOS Kinderdorpen, Wereldkinderen and Wilde Ganzen