

## Fast tracking child well-being A Virtual Symposium 19 – 20 JULY 2022



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You are invited to a virtual symposium to share research findings and lessons learned from a community of practice model (CoP) supported by the NRF to deliver joined-up care and support services for early grade learners in our schools. You will have the opportunity to engage with a multidisciplinary team of researchers, practitioners, community organisations and decision-makers to find solutions to improve child well-being.

Find out more on the symposium website HERE

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## Fast-tracking child well-being outcomes for early grade learners in our schools

PROGRAMME FOR SYMPOSIUM: Day 1 – 19 July, 2022		
Time	Session Details	Speakers
1:00pm – 1:10pm	Welcome to CoP Symposium	<b>Prof. Kammila Naidoo</b> – Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, UJ
1:10pm – 1:40pm	Strengthening social systems for better child well-being outcomes for early grade learners in our schools  Description: A presentation	<b>Prof. Leila Patel</b> – SARCHi Chair Welfare & Social Development, CSDA, UJ
	of the study and its findings	
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Using digital tools to conduct integrated child well-being assessments	<b>Prof. Lauren Graham</b> – Director: Centre for Social Development in Africa, UJ
	Description: Speakers will share knowledge of the development and testing of the tool and its potential use	<b>Prof. Arnesh Telukdarie</b> – Digital Business & Research Chair, JBS, UJ

2:15pm – 2:45pm	Q & A session	Facilitated by <b>Dr. Sadiyya Haffejee</b> – Senior Researcher, CSDA, UJ	
2:45pm – 2:55pm	Break		
3:00pm – 3:55pm	Towards joined-up thinking and action across the disciplinary and sectoral divide	A conversation facilitated by <b>Prof. Lauren Graham</b> – Director: Centre for Social Development in Africa, UJ	
		PANELISTS:	
		Prof. Elbie (Elizabeth) Henning – SARCHi Chair Integrated Studies of Learning Language, Science and Mathematics in the primary school, UJ	
		<b>Prof. Jace Pillay</b> – SARCHi Chair Education & Care in Childhood, UJ	
		<b>Prof. Shane Norris</b> – Director of the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, Wits University	
		<b>Dr. Mpumi Ntshingila</b> – Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Nursing, UJ	
		<b>Tania Sani</b> – CoP Project Coordinator, CSDA, UJ	
3:55pm – 4:00pm	Summary and closing of day 1	<b>Dr. Wanga Zembe-Mkabile</b> – Specialist Scientist, South African Medical Research Council	
PROGR	AMME FOR SYMPOSIUM:	Day 2 – 20 July, 2022	
Time	Session Details	Speakers	
1:00pm – 1:10pm	Welcome & Introduction	Chair: Prof. Elbie (Elizabeth) Henning – SARCHi Chair Integrated Studies of Learning Language, Science and Mathematics in the primary school, UJ	
1:10pm – 1:20pm		<b>Prof. Nadine Petersen</b> – Executive Dean of Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Education, UJ	
Allow 5 min to go into parallel sessions			

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Fast-tracking child well-being outcomes in specific domains

Parallel sessions:

**THEME 1** – Health, nutrition, and material well-being – linking different systems of care and support

**Description:** Speakers will present data on child health, nutrition, social grants, school feeding and complimentary services and the linkage between different systems of care and support.

Chair: Prof. Shane Norris

Director of the DSI/-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, Wits University

**THEME 2** – Mathematics and language outcomes for early grade learners

**Description:** Data will be presented on school performance and related interventions with teachers and parents to improve outcomes.

Chair: Prof. Elbie (Elizabeth) Henning – SARCHi Chair Integrated Studies of Learning Language, Science and Mathematics in the primary school, UJ

**THEME 3** – Psychosocial wellbeing of children and families and implications for care and support services

Description: Findings will be presented on child and caregiver mental health; learning difficulties of children, family well-being and parental engagement in children's education.

The implications of the findings for integrated care and support services at school-family and community levels will be considered.

**Chair: Prof. Jace Pillay** SARCHi Chair Education & Care in Childhood. UJ

2:25pm – 2:35pm

Break



2:40pm – 3:45pm	Keynote address: Reflections on the CoP study and its implications for policy and practice  Questions to be explored with panelists:  Is the CoP a viable model for integrating care and support services at school and community levels?  How might the CoP be scaled up?  What strategies may be employed to institutionalize the CoP model at a local and or district level?	Mary Metcalfe – Educationist  Facilitated conversation by Prof. Leila Patel with key stakeholders in education, health, social development, private sector investors and civil society organisations.
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Closing and vote of thanks	<b>Prof. Jace Pillay</b> – SARCHi Chair Education & Care in Childhood, UJ

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