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COURSE BROCHURE

Child Engagement Strategies For Ministry And Church Programs Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 116033 · NQF Level 6 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips ministry and church program leaders with practical strategies to engage children effectively in faith-based settings. Participants will learn age-appropriate communication, activity design, and pastoral care techniques to foster spiritual growth and participation among children.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society
Unit Standard	116033
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 12 Credits
Duration	9 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply child development principles to design age-appropriate ministry activities that engage children spiritually and socially.
- Implement inclusive engagement strategies that accommodate diverse learning styles, cultural backgrounds, and special needs.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of current children's programs using observation and feedback tools.
- Design interactive Bible lessons and worship experiences that capture children's attention and foster participation.
- Demonstrate pastoral care techniques for addressing children's emotional and spiritual needs in a ministry context.
- Analyze safety and ethical guidelines for working with children in church settings.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for pastors, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers, children's ministry volunteers, and church program coordinators who work directly with children in religious education and community outreach contexts.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Child Development and Ministry Context

- Overview of child development theories (Piaget, Erikson, Fowler).
- Biblical basis for children's ministry (Deuteronomy 6, Matthew 19).
- The South African child: cultural diversity, socio-economic challenges.
- The role of the church in child protection and well-being.
- Introduction to age-appropriate engagement principles.

Day 2: Creating Safe and Inclusive Environments

- South African Children's Act and safeguarding policies.
- Risk assessment and safe environment checklists.
- Inclusive practices for children with diverse abilities.
- Recognizing and responding to child abuse and neglect.
- Building trust and boundaries in ministry settings.

Day 3: Age-Appropriate Teaching and Communication

- Teaching strategies for ages 3–5, 6–8, 9–12.
- The art of storytelling and narrative engagement.
- Asking open-ended questions to stimulate thinking.
- Using music, movement, and visual aids.
- Lesson planning for mixed-age groups.

Day 4: Engaging Children through Play and Creativity

- Types of play and their developmental benefits.
- Bible-based art, crafts, and drama activities.
- Interactive games that teach values and teamwork.
- Creative prayer stations and worship ideas.
- Managing group dynamics and resolving disputes.

Day 5: Building Relationships and Mentoring Children

- Principles of child mentoring and discipleship.
- Active listening and empathetic communication.
- Building self-esteem and resilience in children.
- Facilitating small group discussions and prayer.
- Involving families and caregivers in the mentoring process.

Day 6: Managing Behavior and Discipline with Grace

- Biblical perspectives on discipline (Proverbs, Ephesians).
- Positive reinforcement and natural consequences.
- De-escalation techniques for outbursts.
- Setting boundaries and rules collaboratively.
- Partnering with parents in behavior management.

Day 7: Curriculum Design and Resource Development

- Reviewing popular children's ministry curricula.
- Designing a scope and sequence for a term or year.
- Creating visual aids, worksheets, and take-home materials.
- Using technology and media appropriately.

- Assessing learning outcomes and program effectiveness.

Day 8: Leading and Training Volunteers in Children's Ministry

- Identifying potential volunteers and their gifts.
- Training modules on child safety, teaching, and communication.
- Conducting effective team meetings and debriefs.
- Delegating responsibilities and empowering volunteers.
- Recognizing and preventing volunteer burnout.

Day 9: Integration, Evaluation, and Future Planning

- Creating a personalized ministry action plan.
- Self-assessment and peer feedback.
- Engaging parents as partners in children's spiritual growth.
- Community outreach and intergenerational events.
- Resources for continued learning (books, websites, conferences).

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **12 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 36,600.00	R 36,600.00
1	In-House	R 47,600.00	R 47,600.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 55,000.00	R 55,000.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
13 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 116033) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call **+27 12 004 8389** or WhatsApp **+27 65 077 6310** and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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