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Enabling inclusion

RESOURCE LIST

Community Service Therapists 2021



Welcome to the Shonaquip Social Enterprise (SSE) network!

Our team would like to extend our congratulations for starting your community service year in 2021 – a year that holds many challenges and opportunities.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates, and don't hesitate to get in touch.

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A message from Shona McDonald

“2020 was the year that saw healthcare go local, not just here in South African but globally. It has been a turning point for health professionals that we don’t dare ignore. Never before has it been more important to understand the implications of our roles and responsibilities in ensuring that there is equal access to quality services and support, no matter how challenging this might be.

The SSE recognises that the world is far from realizing the ideals of the 2030 SDGs. What is clear however, is that the effects of the pandemic and the uncertainty it is causing is having a devastating effect on the lives of millions of South African citizens. Most importantly 2020 has highlighted for us that by working together, fostering agency, building ecosystems of support and using collaborative systems change approaches, we can change the way the story ends for people with disabilities and their families.

By working with communities, governments, businesses, and donor organisations we can continue to identify and address the underlying root causes of stigma and bias and can successfully begin to influence, shift and transform systems at many levels.

We are here to assist you in striving for lasting change in behaviour and practice that supports the development of each individual you assist. We are here to support you as you actively work with- and for - inclusive, sustainable and compassionate communities across South Africa.

Everyone is a Change Maker”

All the best,

Shona



We hope that you will find this list of resources useful, and feel confident to contact our teams for more information, support, or to connect and work together in your province. The SSE have permanent team members in the Western Cape, Gauteng, and Northern Cape – but we roll out capacity building projects across all provinces in South Africa through online training, travelling teams, and a network of partners.

Social Work Support & Counselling for families

Our SSE Social Support Team consists of two Social Auxiliary Workers and a Social Worker. This team assists families with **referral into Health, Social and Education services**. If our team is unable to assist your clients, they will refer you to a partner organisation so keep their numbers in your phone!



Lelethu Prusent & Beverley Melouw are experienced Social Auxiliary Workers in the disability sector. They are supported by a Social Worker.

For Afrikaans & English: call/WhatsApp 060 458 7075

For Xhosa & English: call/WhatsApp 078 571 2585

Training opportunities

We offer a range of **CPD accredited online training programmes**. If you haven't yet, please complete the survey below to join our mailing list and find out about online training throughout the year.

Training Opportunities Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BLDLF2>



Our Product Training is free for government therapists – we highly recommend that you join the next online training to help you best serve the mobility and posture support needs of your clients. To receive training reminders and related information, follow us on social media and **join our mailing list by filling in the Training Opportunities Survey above**.

Ordering devices on tender

Porcia Claasen manages the SSE's hospital tender processes and relationships. Contact her for support in device procurement for government facilities: porcia@shonaquip.co.za / 021 797 8239



Visit www.shonaquip.co.za/products/ to see our full range of products.

Our YouTube Channel has a variety of helpful “How To” videos to help you adjust our modular devices to best fit your individual client.

Choosing a device should be about the individual client's needs – together with our own products we also recommend and stock high quality products from other manufacturers.

The Parent Network:

The SSE was started by Shona McDonald when her second child was born with CP and there were no access to resources or support for her family. We work extensively with parents and believe that **parents hold the key to meaningful participation and sustainable change within their communities.**

Parents of children with disabilities are invited to join the network by sending a WhatsApp with their details to: 078 007 4306. You can email the name and contact details of parents you work with if they do not have data to get in touch. Email Erna van der Westhuizen: erna@uhambofoundation.org.za

Check out this video: [Introducing the Parent Champion Network](#)





Assessment, fitting and customization of devices:

The SSE seating team are experienced in **assessment, prescription, procurement, and fitting** of the wide range of Shonaquip devices as well as high quality products supplied by other manufacturers. Our team also offers **Community Based Outreach Seating, Positioning & Inclusive Play training**.

Fill in the [Training opportunities Survey](#) above to join our mailing list and receive free resources for Assessment and Fitting of children with disabilities. Keep an eye on our social media to see when our teams are working in your area or contact us at info@shonaquip.co.za if you want to find out when we are working in your area.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

We developed the OggieAir respirator to provide safe, cooling airflow in stressful humid environments, while the clear full-face visor allows the user to maintain a human connection with those around them, reducing fear, enabling lip-reading and reassuring facial expressions.

The purifier lasts for 8 hours on a single charge, and has a P3 virus filtration system. It also reduces reliance on single use, disposable products, thereby reducing environmental waste, logistic challenges and cost.

We are in the final stage of NRCS certification and are taking pre-orders [here](#).



Keep in touch!

We would love to know how your journey is going in 2021 and beyond – connect with us on social media, or get in touch directly

Best Regards,
The SSE team



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