



# Cultural Adaptation in Early Childhood Development Programmes for Marginalized Communities in South Africa: A Longitudinal Perspective

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## Abstract

Early childhood development (ECD) programmes in South Africa often face challenges when implemented in marginalized communities due to cultural and linguistic differences. A longitudinal study examining the implementation and impact of culturally adapted ECD initiatives across various marginalized communities in South Africa. The study underscores the importance of cultural adaptation for effective ECD programming in marginalized communities. Local organizations should be encouraged to continue and expand culturally adapted ECD initiatives as they demonstrate significant positive outcomes.

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