

Resilience in a changing South Africa: The Johannesburg Parent and Child Counselling Services' 75 years of caring

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Introduction

The Johannesburg Parent and Child Counselling Service, the JPCCC, celebrated 75 years of providing psycho-social services to children, their families, schools and communities with a 75th Anniversary Conference, Resilience in a Changing South Africa, in July 2019 in Johannesburg. The topic of resilience is relevant throughout the history of the JPCCC. The organization was born in the aftermath of World War 2, as many returnee soldiers and their families were battling to cope with the mental health challenges posed by the war. There was also a growing need for a specialized service for children with emotional difficulties. The 'JPCCC' as the organization is now known, was established by the Mental Hygiene Society of the Witwatersrand and became an independent entity 75 years ago, in 1944.