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**Northern Cape Department of Education**

**Revised Assignment for Educational Officials**

May 2017

**Task**

Prepare a 15-20 minute presentation about the Basic Concepts Programme focussing on a particular aspect. The presentations should include a visual component, for example the visuals could include: posters, PowerPoint slides, photos or videos. The presentation should be something that you are able to deliver to your teachers, parents or managers to help them better understand the purpose, content and method/approach of the programme. It is important not to merely repeat what has already been covered during training. See some suggestions below.

**Please email a brief outline of your presentation to me by the 14 June.**

**Draft presentation due:** 14 August 2017

**Final presentation due:** October 2017 (exact date to be determined)

**Suggested Focus Areas**

* The importance of conceptual language in the basic concepts programme
* How to teach higher and lower order concepts using the concept teaching model
* The teacher becomes a mediator in the BCP
* How the BCP helps to develop the thinking and reasoning of learners
* The importance of learning one sub-concept and one conceptual domain at a time
* Why the BCP seems to work in the Namaqua District
* My experience of supporting and mentoring teacher mediators of the BCP

**References**

* **BCP Mediator Manual**: Chapters 1 -5
* **Notes from Training**: Refer to your training file
* **Basic Concepts Website**: [www.basicconcepts.co.za](http://www.basicconcepts.co.za)
* **Good Reads:** <http://www.basicconcepts.co.za/news-events/articles/good-reads-selected-articles-around-world>
* **Basic Concepts PhD study:** <http://etd.uwc.ac.za/xmlui/handle/11394/265>
* **BCP online course:** [click here](https://www.openlearning.com/courses/basic-concepts-programme) to register for the course or go to <openlearning.com> and search for Basic Concepts Programme: Introductory (Part 1).
* **Article published about Grade R and the BCP:** [http://www.iol.co.za/news/opinion/equip-kids-with-tools-to-read-write-and-calculate-1737449#.U\_M3D6OooTD](http://www.iol.co.za/news/opinion/equip-kids-with-tools-to-read-write-and-calculate-1737449%23.U_M3D6OooTD)
* **Link to Namaqua Project:** <http://www.basicconcepts.co.za/projects/namaqua-education-district-northern-cape-phase-2>