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Take part in eliminating Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Substance abuse is becoming a problem in South Africa especially amongst the youth and Mpumalanga is not an exception. The effects of drugs in families include family disintegration, poor performance at work, abuse, teen suicide, dropping out of school, depression, crime and car accidents. The Department has instigated built up events across the Mpumalanga Province creating awareness to fight the scourge of Drug Abuse.

The Department of Social Development led by MEC Nomsa Mtsweni will celebrate the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 June 2014 at Balfour, Siyathemba Thusong Service Centre (Dipaliseng Local Municipality). The theme for this year celebration is **“A message of hope, drug use disorders are preventable and treatable”**.

The objectives of the International Day against Illicit Trafficking and Substance abuse are as follows:

- To mobilize Communities to act against Illicit Trafficking and Substance Abuse
- To intensify awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse, especially to the vulnerable group (children, youth, older persons, people with disabilities and service users recovering from substance abuse)
- To promote integration and well coordination service delivery in the fight of substance abuse.

Members of the media are invited to an event scheduled as follows:

Date: 26 June 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Balfour, Siyathemba Thusong Centre (Dipaliseng Local Municipality)

The event will start with a “health walk” at 09h00 from Corner Letsoko and Zwane Street to Siyathemba Thusong Service Centre where the event will be.

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