

# **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

The department of Education, Culture and Social Services is mandated with developing education, empowering the youth, culture and also improving the provision of social services while ensuring that gender is mainstreamed in all its programs.

The Department is led by the County Executive Committee Member Hon. Hellen Chepkwony

## **Education Sub-department**

Functions under the Education sub-department include:

- Implementation of the pre-primary education policy
- Quality assurance and supervision of pre-primary institutions
- Early childhood education, care and development
- Providing information on education and education trends to the county executive committee
- Undertaking research and development
- Coordinating and presiding over education activities in the county
- Management of youth polytechnics, quality assurance, infrastructure and learning resources
- Coordinate national examinations in the youth polytechnics
- Development and management of home craft centers, quality assurance, infrastructure and learning resources

## **Culture Sub-department**

Functions under this sub-department include:

- Implementation of culture and heritage policy at county level
- Establishment of historical/cultural sites, indigenous knowledge and other elements of intangible cultural heritage
- development of creative cultural industries and commercialization of the arts (Fine, creative and performing arts)
- Coordination of cultural exchange programs at the county, inter-county, national and international level

- Empowering of cultural practitioners through capacity building workshops, exhibitions, symposia, seminars, concerts, art and traditional food competition and festivals
- Educating the public on cultural rights and intellectual property rights in the county
- Organizing county music and cultural festivals to promote unity cohesion and the spirit of patriotism
- Establishment and operationalization of county museums

## **Social Services Sub-department**

Functions under this sub-department include:

- Implementation of policies and programs on gender, social protection and vulnerable groups (PWD's, widows and the elderly)
- Gender mainstreaming into county development programs
- Coordinating the implementation of national standards and guidelines on variable goods
- Sensitization on issues of Women Enterprise, Uwezo Funds in the county and other relevant programs;
- Social welfare including all vulnerable groups such as widows;
- Community development programs- registration of community groups, grants in aid to social groups

## **Achievements by the Department**

- i. Recruitment of 1200 ECD teachers
- ii. Disbursement of over KShs 700 Million in bursaries to needy students
- iii. Construction of over 700 ECD classrooms
- iv. Construction of the ablution blocks in the ECD centers
- v. Creating centers of excellence in the youth polytechnics
- vi. Construction and equipping of the youth polytechnics
- vii. Partnering with the national government on preparing the candidates for the national exam
- viii. Hosting of the Governors Gender Round Table

- ix. Training of ECDE teachers on the New Basic Education Curriculum (2-6-3-3)