

Valhalla Park

The community grew from a squatter camp in the Western Cape Province. The majority of the residents work in factories in this area. The biggest problem is drug addiction, sale and use of drugs is common in Valhalla Park. Drug use is linked to the high school drop out rate. Due to the number of empty classrooms, one of the three Valhalla Park schools is scheduled to be closed. In addition to drugs, gangsterism and teenage pregnancy there are other problems in the community.

Valhalla Park Clinic

The Valhalla Park City Clinic was built in 1979 and employs five nursing sisters, a senior nursing officer and three general assistants to handle the approximately 110 patients on an average day. Medical assistance from a doctor is unfortunately only available once a month. The clinic consists of two consulting rooms, two treatment rooms, the TB room and immunising room, common illnesses like HIV, AIDS, TB and skin rashes on children are treated. About 60 clients are tested for HIV each month, with only a few positive results. The PMTCT program (Prevention of HIV Mother to Child Transmission) averages 6 clients a month. The majority of the expectant mothers are under the age of 21.