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Steps to curb women abuse



■ President Cyril Ramaphosa officially opened the Booyens Magistrate's Court and signed the GBVF Declaration. This has been hailed as a step in the right direction in ending women and child abuse in South Africa.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has reiterated that women abuse has no place in South Africa.

"It should also have no place in our homes, at places of work, churches, schools and on the streets of our townships, on the

pathways of our villages and also in our cities and towns," President Ramaphosa said.

He was speaking at the official opening of Booyens Magistrate's Court and the signing of the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Decla-

laration in Johannesburg recently.

The state-of-the-art Booyens Magistrate's Court comprises 10 courts, including four district courts, Civil Court, Family Court, Children's Court, Small Claims Court, as well as two regional courts for criminal

and sexual offences.

The declaration, on the other hand, is borne out of the National GBV and Femicide Summit, held in November 2018, in an effort to find solutions to GBV and femicide.

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Ifundiso Ngobulwele be-autism

Kubabelethi babentwana abane-autism, ubulwelobu bubange-la ukhlangahlanga ngokomkhumbulo, ukuba hlangana nembokotho nesigayo bazithole bangazi bone bathathe ini bayihlanganise nani ngitjho neenhloni imbal. Ababelethi abanengi abanalwazi ngobulwelobu ngitjho nokuthi bange-nzani njengendlela yokusiza bona abentababo baphile ipilo ejayelekileko.

Iyini i-autism?

I-Autism bulwele bokuthikameze ka komthambo womkhumbulo okwenzeka emntwaneni ukusukela ekubele-thweni kwakhe begodu kuthoma ukuveza amatshwayo eminyakeni embalwa yokuthoma yepilo yomntwana.

U-Julia Mathabathe ongusiyazi kezokwelatjhwa komkhumbulo (i-Clinical Psychologist) esibh-dlela i-Steve Biko Academic Hospital, uhlathulula bona



umntwana one-autism ubona ipilo ngendlela engafani nabanye.

"Abentwana abane-autism baba nobudisi bokukhuluma nokuhlanganyela nabanye. Begodu banemithambo ehlukileko yokuzwa, yokunukelela neyokuthint; banganukelela, babone namkha bezwe izinto ngendlela ehlukileko kunabanye abantu. Kokhunye bahlala bakwatile, baziphatha ngendlela engakajayeleki eneqhuku namkha bazilimaze," kutjho u-Mathabathe.

Ababelethi bathola ubudisi obukhulu bokujamelana neze-

nzo ezinje, khulukhulu nazenze ka hlangana nabantu.

Ababelethi bangaba-siza njani abantwana abane-autism?

U-Mathabathe uthi ekufuze kuqualwe khulu nakwelatjhwa i-autism kuqinisekisa bona ababelethi bayazwisa bona abantwana babo bayibona njani ipilo.

"Ababelethi kufuze balinge ngamandla begodu bazwisise ubujamo babantwana babo be-bazifake kibo. Kufuze bathole iindlela ezihle zokukhulumisana

nabentwabobo, kungaba ngame-zwi namkha ngekulomo yama-tshwayo ngalokho bazakuzwisa bona ngiwaphi amatshwayo umntwana awakhombisako. "Isibonelo, nangabe umntwana ube nokuziphatha okungaka-jayeleki, kufuneka utjheje bona kubangelwe yini bese-ke utjhugulula indlela yokwenza izinto ukwenzela bona ikhambisane neendingo zomntwana."

U-Mathabathe uthi kuqakath-kile bona ababelethi bafune isizo msinyana nababona kunezinto ezenzekako emntwanenabo.

"Nangabe umntwana uhloliwe watholwa anobulwele be-autism asesemncani, amathuba wokutjhugulula ubujamo bakhe manengi begodu mahle. Bama-phesende amathathu abantwana abahloliweko batholwa bane-autism abaphakathi kweminyaka emibili nemine abazakuthi ngokuya kwsikhathi bazithole bangasenayo i-autism naku-tholakala umrabhu wayo. Kuza-kuthi lokha umntwana nakafika

eminyakeni elikhomba ukuya keli-11, kuzabe sekunomehluko omkhulu begodu umntwana uzakwazi ukuphila ipilo ejaye-lekileko."

Ababelethi bangabasa kuphi abantwana babo bona bafumane ukwelatjhwa?

U-Mathabathe uthi ezhelakalweni ezinengi, i-autism ayelapheki ngokupheleleko, kodwana inga-lawuleka kuhle. Ungezelela ngokuthi abafundisi namkha abotijhere banendima ekulu ekufuze bayibambe ekutjhejeni imiraro yabantwana esikolweni, begodu bangathatha isiquonto sokubadlulisela kibodorhodera abelapha umkhumbulo. □

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Umma Osesemutjha Udosaphambili Ijima Lokuyeletisa nge-Autism

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U-Letlhodilwe Moroe, we-Bloemfonstein, esifundeni seFreyistata, uyelelisa nge-autism emphakathini wekhabo.

Njengombana angumma onomntwana omsana one-minyaka eli-11 one-autism wathatha isiquonto sokuvula ihlangano engenzi inzuso, i-Tokologo Place of Hope, ekunqotjhwe ngayo ukuye-lisa, nokunikela ngelwazi begodu isekele nababelethi abanabantwana abane-autism.

U-Moroe ukholelwa bona ababelethi banelwazi elinca-ni nge-autism ngalokho baba nomraro wokusiza abantwana babo, khulukhulu labo abahlala emalokitjhini neendaweni ezsemaplasini.

I-Autism kuhlangahla-ngana ngokomkhumbulo okukhambisana nobudisi bokungakhoni ukukhuluma namkha ukucoca okuthe tjha, ukwakha ubuhlobo nabanye



■ U-Letlhodilwe Moroe ufodwe nendodanakhe uSihle enobulwele be-autism.

abantu begodu nokusebenzia ilimi.

Ngehlanganwakhe, u-Moroe usiza abantwana abajamele amakhaya nemindeniyabantwana abane-autism bona bafumane isondlo sakarhulumente sabakhu-bazekileko, imitjhoga nokwe-latjhwa.

"I-Autism isitjhijilo begodu idosisa ababelethi emhlweni. Ukwamukela kwababelethi bona umntwanaboo une-autism kwenza ngcono ipilo yomntwana."

U-Moroe uthi ipilwakhe yajama-tsi mhlana athoma ukwazi bona umntwanakhe unobulwele be-autism.

"Yoke into yatjhuguluka, azange ngisakghona uku-sebenza, nemali yesikolo nokwelatjhwa komsanami bekubiza imali enengi khu-lu."

Njengendlela yokufunela umsanakhe amathuba angco-no, u-Moroe wafudukela e-Gauteng ukuyothola iinkolo ezifundisa abantwana abane-autism, njengoba zingekho eFreyistata.

"EFreyistata kuneenkolo za-bantwana abakhubazekileko, kodwana bemukela abentwana ababunane kwaphela ngetlasini begodu kunerhelo elide lokulinda isikhala."

Ngale kweentjhijilo anazo, u-Moroe uthi ukuba nomntwana one-autism kusibusiso.

"Ubujamo bomsanami bu-ngenze ngaqina khulu begodu ngafunda nokubekeze-la epilweni. Unesiphiwo khulu begodu uthanda ubutlharhatlharha besiterhiniki. Usebenza kuhle khulu naziza kuthekhnoloji."

Lokhu kuyipumelelo encani u-Moroe ayithabelako

ekuthuthukeni kwepilo yomsanakhe.

"Njenganje umsanami use-bujameni obungcono bepilo begodu uzithabele, ufundu ukukhuluma, selakghona nokusebenzia indlwana namkha ukuzithuma ngaphandle kokusizwa begodu sengikghona nokumrhuna iinhluthu aqalile, ngingamkhukhutheli alele."

Ukwamukela kwababelethi bona umntwanaboo une-autism kwenza ngcono ipilo yomntwana.

U-Moroe unebhudango lokuvula iziko elizakusebenza ngabentwana abane-autism eFreyistata ngelinye ilanga. □