

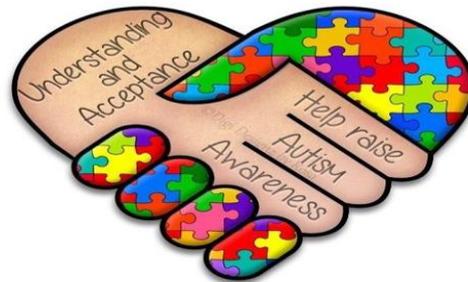
HANDLING CHILDREN WITH THE AUTISM SPECTRUM



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WHAT IS AUTISM

Autism is a development condition that appears within the first 3 years of life. And it's also a Neurological disorder and it's not an illness or condition. It affects the children's and adults alike. And it affects them by socialising in decision making they don't have the ability to communicate and to make friends and also with their moto skills. The children being diagnosed with this disorder appears to be increasing.

Generally, it involves limitations in the ability to communicate with others, as well as relating to others. Autism occurs on a "**SPECTRUM**" of severity, means some may be profoundly affected by a variety of issues, while others may have only less severe problems.

SYMPTOMS OF AUTISM

The symptoms can vary greatly from individual to individual, autism has a number of core symptoms that **Medical** and **Psychological** practitioners use to diagnose the disorder. The disorder is also characterized by a lack of interest in sharing achievements and interest with others.

A lack of empathy with other peoples' feeling is common in those with autism. There may be delays in learning to speak and unusual tones or patterns in speech. The individual may prefer playing or working alone. They may become easily disturbed by changes in routine and may be particularly sensitive to light, sound and touch, yet may be somewhat impervious to pain.

They may also focus intensely on particular parts of objects or on particular subjects and they may engage in repetitive motions

CAUSES OF AUTISM

No one knows exactly what causes autism in all forms, experts suggest a number of possibilities. Genetic factors make some people more vulnerable to autism. Environmental factors like pollutants or viral illness may play a part in the onset of autism. Some people have been concerned about the use of childhood vaccinations and the onset of autism, but no studies support link

WHERE THEY GO TO SCHOOL

As we may know those children who suffering with this spectrum they go to School of Exceptional School. Most of ASD children are mainstreamed meaning: they attend normal school. The school organise special needs education, thus working close with the SENCO in school.

As they said there no cure for the autism and they had a lot to do not only on children, teenagers but on adults also.

As they said that they still finding their own school so that then can help those children so that they not have to go to the mainstreamed school where there are a lot of kids that don't understand those children situation.

So by that they will need a financial cost.

FINANCIAL COST

As the chairperson of the Autism said, they still finding a space. They are planning with the Designated Minister for Community Development, Social Affairs and Sports to see if they can have a piece of land. Because the priority for the school is for the smaller children's.

But still finding for the cost and still approaching different sectors so that they can have some helps. They still waiting if they will get a space or if they had to build something they will had to find a financial cost.

But their request is still in process for an appropriate space.

SERVICE BEING PROVIDED

- Occupational therapy
- Speech
- Psychological Service
- Doctor for Counselling

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM

The problem is that in Seychelles they really don't have the structure for those children who are in the autism structure.

The only thing that in the early childhood they get can diagnose children but certain autism spectrum.

These are the specialties that they need to help those children...

- Lack of professional trainers
- Speech pathologist
- Teachers who need training for helping the autistic children
- Clinical sociologist
- Occupational therapist

Those things that I mention are the things that they don't have in their school. They need a lot of professional trainers to help in the autism field.

And they should know also what is autism about, if they don't know anything it will be difficult for them to work with those children's and understand them also.

So by finding some professional trainers for those children's the autism association will very appreciate the effort by giving them some professional trainers.

HOW DO THEY PLAN TO TACKLE IT?

They are planning to tackle it by doing a lot of public awareness through the school so that they want the school to get involve like International Schools doing a lot.

They also want to approach the Minister of Education so that they can put some program on T.V and also to the public so that aware of those children.

Because of the public and the children in the normal don't understand the real problem of those children's they think that they are doing something wrong but they don't know that they suffering with the spectrum.

Some say everything bad about those children's or they bully them if they go to a normal school. And teachers also don't understand them if they did something wrong.so that why they need that special teachers and be professional also.

HOW TO RAISE FUND FOR IT/SPONSORSHIP?

There raises fund is mainly approaching business name as CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility).

By fun raising it can be in any event like the ball that they did in Saturday 30th April 2016, it was not an any event but a special one by raising fund for those autistic children's and buy helping them.

And they also with other country with the AUSTARLIA embassy they also donated an among of money and it is a good one. Not only the Australia embassy but in other country also some people donate some among of money.

Those moneys that they received by different people and country they put in their fund so that if they get a space or they planning to build something they know that they have something we know that is not enough so that's why they what our Seychellois people to donate any among so that we can help those children in any way and they get have a better life even though they have this spectrum.

THE OUTCOME, WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE END
WHO WILL BENEFITS

Once I put my project in work the one who will benefit is those 40 children who are autistic in the association but not in Seychelles and worl wilde. I will be the one who will fight for them and be a helping hand for the association to help them also to reach their goals by having their own school, so that they will no more go to the exceptional school.

So that they can have a better life any the public will also know what is autism about because if one day any one of us had a child who is autistic they will know what will they do and they will know that in the school that their child will have the professional trainers that will help those child because they really need helps.

THE DISADVANTAGES

- Is to make it none to the public awareness
- Parents getting judge
- If they are in a busy environment they react differently

THE ADVANTAGES

- They learnt to be patient
- The love the compaction
- The ability to know a lot of this and had patient

A LEARNING CENTRE FOR THE AUTISM

Time out room;

- Where they can relax themselves so that they cannot see anybody
They can sleep, jump as long that they do not see anybody and any noise.



Cubicle;

- Each of the children had their own cubicle



Folders;

- They all have one of this folders help the teachers and parents To communicate they can also benefit also. Anything they are learning at school at home and also they are doing the same thing to.



Weekly Calendar;

- They had to see this weekly calendar everyday so they can know what going on.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD

They always had the date of the week so that they can know what is going on. If they do not see they will have a lot of tension, they always want to know what is going on every day.

They rely a lot of this structure to be able to deal with that they need professional.

They don't have a special school or classes for the autistic they cannot go to the normal school because they need special classes and also they don't have one of the teachers for those children. One of the most disabling they need to have a special environment they cannot force them to go to the class.

THE DO'S AND DON'T'S OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD

It's not easy for the children to go in another class because he/she will not understand anything the teacher's is saying that the class is too loudly and this may cause tension for them.

Those children they are very sensitive to light, colour, smell, taste, sound if they are sitting in the room in a lot of colour it will find it irratative, light not to bright, the sound of an aircon which we can block the sound of which they can't. It's very important to know how to create a better environment.

Even the teacher had to well-trained it important the teachers wear a specific colour not a bright colour even the perfume it may affects their sense of smell and it's important to train teachers and parents also.

STATISTIC

For statistic in Seychelles for the Autism there is no official statistic because on the incidence and prevalence of ASD in Seychelles. But in worldwide in the statistic has increasing by 152 to 165.

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