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I heard about the Every Word Counts Programme while working in another position within Jabulani. I was interested because it teaches children many important skills while they are still young, which is something that we never learnt when we were growing up. I want to make sure that education is viewed as important in the community and that parents understand that it starts at home.

I stay involved because I work in an education team of five women who meet regularly and support each other. During home visits, I can see the difference in the children, and parents tell me how their child is improving. It motivates me when parents are participating and spending time doing the activities with their children, even though they are very busy. It makes me happy when parents do the Every Word Counts activities even when I am not there.

I have learnt that you have to respect people and be patient. If a child makes a mistake, do not be frustrated. I learnt that young children learn new words quickly and absorb language like a sponge.