



**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- International Day of Families
- Locations of Parenting Education Sessions
- Focus on fathers
- Spicy Parent campaign

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What's happening in the National Parenting Programme

The National Parenting Programme of the Ministry of Social Development and Housing is continuing to reach out to the parents of our nation through parenting sessions at the community level, prison, schools and clinics. The media has been an integral tool in getting messages out to the general public on topics relating to effective parenting. The month of May has been a busy month for the Programme. International Day of Families was celebrated on the 15th as is the norm around the world and as such, several activities were carried out. Family clips were played on the radio stations, a GIS presentation was done, Flow "Did You Know" created a segment, and a Family Festival was held bringing a climax to the celebrations.

Additionally, the nation's schools through the Ministry of Education and the churches were invited to participate by celebrating International Day of families in their own way.



Minister's Message

Greetings brothers and sisters. As we continue to empower families around our nation it is important that we recognize the integral roles that they play. The family is our children's first teachers, and it provides the emotional, social and economic support system for individuals throughout their lifetime. **Therefore, there is no institution that is more important for our total well-being than our family.** I urge all family members in the extended network, to lend his or her support to other members of the family, regardless of your family type. As family members, engage in activities together and spend time communicating with each other. Moreover, remember to spend time on your spiritual growth, the source of all strength. The Ministry of Social Development and Housing is committed to promoting and facilitating strong families and communities. Be encouraged that your Government is here to support and cheer you on while you build this nation, starting with the persons around you in your family.

Hon. Delma Thomas, Minister for Social Development and Housing

Pictures of Family Fest 2013

Thanks to our generous sponsors for providing lovely prizes at the Family Fest

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Minister for Social Development and Housing-- Hon. Delma Thomas



Face art/paintings for the children



Dancers about to perform at the Family Day Celebrations



Staff of the Ministry of Social Development and Housing

Section of the Audience during group discussion



Staff member with one of the voucher winners



Parenting Education Sessions around the country

After a wonderful start on the 22nd of April 2013, parenting sessions at Her Majesty's Prison came to a closure on the 3rd June, 2013. Fifteen participants graduated in the first batch of male participants to complete "Parenting from the Prison" on the 3rd July. This initiative is expected to be ongoing with the commencement of new education sessions in September, 2013.

Sessions have also been conducted at the Woburn Methodist School with their PTA upon their request. Efforts have been made to begin sessions in the River Road community. Although it is off to a bumpy start, the Parenting Programme is relentless in ensuring that this community is given a fair chance to participate and successfully complete.

Sessions have also begun at the Crochu Medical Station in Crochu St. David on the 3rd June and will continue to the 5th August. Sessions at Vincennes began on the 19th, June and will run through the 31st, July.

Other communities to be introduced to the Parenting Education sessions very soon include Rose Hill, in the parish of St. Patrick and La Calome in the parish of St. David.

The general public is encouraged to contact the National Parenting Programme (NPP) for any queries concerning the sessions that are done. Additionally, groups are welcome to contact the Parenting Unit to deliver sessions within the various communities if there are specific requests.

Fathers Are Very Important and Special

As Father's Day was celebrated on the 16th June, 2013 regions around the world recognized dads as very important figures within the family structure. The Parenting Unit therefore encourages dads to play their roles and continue building their fatherly skills and contributing to the good health and effective functioning of their families.

Parenting tips for Fathers

Spend quality time with your children

Teach them positive values

Set firm rules/boundaries

Respect the mother of your children

Protect and love your children unconditionally

Reward and discipline them reasonably

A Special Dad Like You
(author unknown)

I think you should know
You mean the world to me,
I can't imagine anyone else
Could give so unselfishly.

For all the things you've done for me,
All the times that you were there,
Are why I know deep down inside
How much you really care.

Though I might not always say
That I appreciate what you do,
I feel so very richly blessed
To have a special dad like you.

D-A-D-D-Y

Tune: Bingo

I know a special kind of guy
And Daddy is his name-o
D-A-D-D-Y D-A-D-D-Y
D-A-D-D-Y
And Daddy is his name-o

MY SPECIAL FRIEND

Tune: Yankee Doodle Song

Daddy is my special friend
The two of us are buddies
I like the silly things we do,
I'm so glad you're my daddy



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SPICY PARENT CAMPAIGN

The Spicy Parent Campaign for the carnival season 2013 is about to begin.

The National Parenting Programme will like to urge parents to remember their duty as the primary caregivers to their children. Of course, this is the season to have fun, but it should not be at the expense of your children's wellbeing.

Be a spicy parent this carnival

S- Speak with your children about positive behaviours that are expected of them

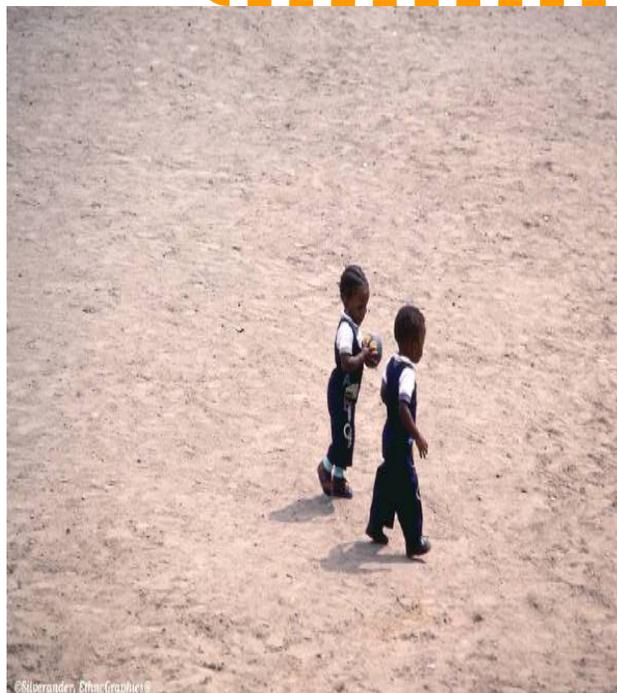
P- Pay attention to your children at home and away from home

I- Inspire good behaviour in your children by displaying good behaviour yourself

C- Check in with your children so that you are always certain of their whereabouts (Always keep in touch)

Y- You are fully responsible for your children so take control

*Without a family, man,
alone in this world,
trembles with the cold~
Andre Maurois*



*The family is the first
essential cell of human
society~*

Pope John XXIII

A healthy family breeds
a happy family