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*Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn in conversation with \_\_\_ at the We Transform Youth and Parent Link-Up Reintegration Day held at the South Camp Juvenile Correctional and Remand Center today (November 23).*

**Minister Cuthbert-Flynn pitches social services to tackle recidivism**

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn says the government will continue providing the requisite social services to wards of the state as part of the rehabilitation process. This is to be done in order to further decrease the rate of recidivism.

Speaking on the final day of a **Youth and Parent Link-Up Reintegration Day** at the South Camp Juvenile Correctional and Remand Centre today (November 23), Minister Cuthbert-Flynn asserted that the initiative is a stepping stone for the future of the rehabilitation process in Jamaica.

**“Today serves as an avenue for you to craft your route to reintegrate as well-equipped members of society, ready to rebuild a life beyond these walls,”** she said.



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Minister Cuthbert-Flynn told the parents that the government will continue to “**strengthen the fabric of family bonds**” through a number of targeted initiatives such as reintegration day.

In addition, the Minister encouraged the Wards to take full advantage of the time with family at the Link-Up Day, stating that “**family plays a pivotal role in your rehabilitation and reintegration into society.**”

The three-day event was held at the three (3) juvenile facilities – the Rio Cobre, Metcalfe and South Camp Juvenile Correctional Facilities from November 20-22, 2023 respectively.

Passport application, national identification and other services were provided by the Passport Immigration Citizenship Agency (PICA), Registrar General Department (RGD), the Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the JN Bank.

In addition, information was provided on vocational skills training, sensitisation sessions on the parent-child relationship and other social reintegration opportunities.

Reintegration Day is a collaboration between the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) and the We Transform Youth Empowerment Programme under the Ministry of National Security and offers services to the wards and their parents/caregivers.

