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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn observes as a ward and her mentor participate in a ‘Sip and Paint’ activity hosted at the South Camp Juvenile Correctional and Remand Centre earlier today (May 9). The event was organised under the We Transform Youth Empowerment Programme and is being held in celebration of Child’s Month and Mother’s Day

We Transform continues to foster spaces to improve parent-child bond

In an effort to improve the parent-child bond, the We Transform Youth Empowerment Programme continues to foster spaces for a deeper connection between wards of the state and their parents or guardians.

Earlier today (May 9), the wards at the South Camp Juvenile Correctional and Remand Centre participated in a ‘Sip and Paint’ initiative to commemorate Child’s Month and Mother’s Day under the theme “Painting Our Vision for a Brighter Future”.

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn says implementing activities such as this inside correctional facilities is **“in alignment with the mission of the Ministry of National Security.”**



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She stated that the Ministry is aiming to **“transform the Correctional System by promoting and fostering a rehabilitation environment where wards are motivated to develop a positive identity and engage in meaningful activities.”**

The event serves as an avenue to enhance the girls’ sense of identity and foster a parent-child bonding relationship through art, which includes completing a visual representation of a mother-daughter bond and a vision board of aspirations for their future.

In delivering remarks at the opening of the event, the State Minister highlighted that this further emphasises the Ministry’s mission **“to shift the focus of the Correctional System from punishment and surveillance to a more humane service approach”**.

The initiative endeavors to empower mothers and guardians by highlighting the significance of emotional attachment. It also plays a pivotal role in assisting their children in establishing attainable goals, equipping them with the essential tools and fostering the right attitudes for success.

While encouraging the mothers and guardians in attendance, the Minister emphasised the importance of the opportunity that the event presents.

“Embrace this moment as an opportunity to understand your daughter’s journey, to walk alongside them, and to sow the seed of encouragement and support. Your role is pivotal in shaping their dreams and aspirations,” Minister Cuthbert-Flynn urged.

The Ministry of National Security through the Department of Correctional Services continue to implement projects and initiatives in alignment with the National Correctional Services Policy (NCSP) and to foster transformation in correctional facilities across the island.

