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The Wellbeing of Children and Young People in Central America and the
Caribbean

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day One: Wednesday 19 th October, 2022 10:00 am - 6:30 pm AST (GMT-4)	
10:00 - 11:00	Session 1: Opening Ceremony
	Welcome and Introduction: Mr. Lionel Remy (Chairperson) (5mins)
	Greetings from Pro Vice Chancellor, Graduate Studies: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee (5mins)
	Greetings from Dean, Faculty Social Sciences, UWI, St. Augustine: Dr. Acolla Lewis-Cameron (5mins)
	Greetings from Director, School of Social Work: Dr. Valerie Borum (5mins)
	Greetings from RCYP Lead Researcher: Professor Henry Parada (5mins)
	Greetings from University Director SALISES Regional: Professor Don Marshall (5mins)
	Greetings from RCYP Lead Researcher Caribbean: Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard (5mins)
	Closing Remarks: Mr. Lionel Remy (Chairperson) (5mins)

Session Two
Child Protection Systems and the Promotion of Child Rights in
Central America and the Caribbean

11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Chairperson	Victoria Rampersad
CPI	Henry Parada and Veronica Escobar Olivo Alternative care in the Dominican Republic from the perspective of frontline workers
	Godfrey St. Bernard Restoring the Lives of Boys on the Margins in Trinidad and Tobago – Lessons from State-Led and Civil Society Interventions <i>Non-presenting authors: Shivana Chankar and Safia King</i>
	Karene-Anne Nathaniel De Caires and Georgina Chami Facing the reality of Child Abuse and Protection in Trinidad and Tobago
	Safia King Child Protection and Overcoming COVID-19 Challenges in the Delivery of Primary Education in Trinidad and Tobago - A Case Study of Local Non-Government Organization <i>Non-presenting author: Godfrey St. Bernard & Shivana Chankar</i>

Session Three
Special Panel #1: Institutional Activities and Agendas

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Chairperson	Victoria Rampersad
IP1	Beverly Baron (West Dominica Children's Federation) Child Protection Systems and the Promotion of Child Rights in Dominica
	Patrice Jones (Children's Authority of T&T) Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago - A specialised agency with the responsibility for the care and protection of children
	Gleasia Reid-Smith (CPFSA) Study of Children Living and Working on the Streets in Jamaica
	Michele de la Coudray Blake (National Counselling Centre) Supporting Family Resilience For Protection of Children

		Session Four Juvenile Justice Systems in Central America and Caribbean Societies 3:15 pm- 5:00 pm
Chairperson	Chantal Greaves Cowan (Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business)	
JP1	Belia Aydée Villeda Erazo, Linda Alay Medina State of Social Welfare for adolescents and youth in conflict with criminal law in Guatemala	
	Belia Aydée Villeda Erazo, Kevin Camero Analysis of the Juvenile Criminal Justice System in Guatemala: obstacles and threats	
	Winston Benn Legal, Ideological and Modern Influences and the Evolution of Child Justice Systems in Trinidad and Tobago <i>Non-presenting author: Godfrey St. Bernard and Safia King</i>	
	Marsha Hinds-Myrie Reimagining Juvenile Detention in the Caribbean and Lessons for Our Traditions of Resistance: The Barbadian Case Study	
	Delia Giddings-Stedman & Abede Mack A look into how juvenile justice is managed and adjudicated within a Commonwealth nation	
		Session Five Migratory Currents Impacting the Young People’s Cross-National Movements – The Case of Latin American and Caribbean Migrants #2 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm
Chairperson	Marsha Hinds-Myrie	
IM2	Edwin Recinos Experiences, expectations, and participation of children and adolescents in the migration process	
	Cleophas Pierre Impact of Human Trafficking and Gender Based Violence on Women & Children in the Caribbean Region	
	Cheryl Ann Boodram Access to Education for ‘Children on the Move’ in Trinidad and Tobago	

Day Two: Thursday 20th October, 2022 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	
Session One Special Panel #2: Institutional Activities and Agendas 10:00 am - 11:45 am	
Chairperson	Arlene Smith
IP2	Master Candice Cielto-Jones (Children Court) The Children Court as an Avenue to Safeguarding the Rights and Well-being of the Child in Trinidad and Tobago
	Claudette Richardson-Pious (Children First Agency) Children & Youth exposed to Violence - The Jamaican Reality
	Orlando Jackson (Ray of Hope) International Best Practice around Services/programs for children in conflict with the law
	Sharon Sargeant (Thrive Unit - The Psychiatric Hospital) The benefits of Thrive Family Centre to the children of Barbados
Session Two Child Protection Systems and the Promotion of Child Rights in Central America and the Caribbean 11:45 am - 1:15 pm	
Chairperson	Marsha Rampersaud
CP2	Lionel Remy Understanding and Managing the Challenge of Child Care Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago: Developing a Strategic Direction
	Laura Best The Over-representation of Latin American Children in Ontario's Child Welfare System <i>Non-Presenting authors: Barbara Fallon, Henry Parada, Joanne Filippelli</i>
	David Quintana The protection of the rights of children and adolescents in the education sector: Silence and ignorance <i>Non-presenting author: Maricela Chita</i>
	Travonne Edwards, Andre Laylor and Veronica Escobar Olivo Participatory Youth Care and Stage of 'Rights': Black Caribbean Youth in Out-of-Home Care <i>Non-presenting authors: Henry Parada, Tearney McDermott, Kristin Swardh</i>

		Session Three Dr. Elaine Arnold Panel 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
	Chairperson	Lionel Remy
		Tribute to Dr. Elaine Arnold A Distinguished Caribbean Social Work Scholar and Practitioner
		Session Four Special Panel Topics: Contributed Papers 2:45 pm - 4:30 pm
	Chairperson	Arlene Smith
	OP1	Kate Tilleczek Towards relational wellbeing with/for youth and the digital warming world
		Chantelle Cummings & Leah Cleghorn Exploring Children's Internet Safety in Trinidad and Tobago
		Mala Ramesar Student Engagement during COVID-19; understanding the contributing factors within the Ecological framework <i>Non-presenting authors: Christine Descartes & Steve Dwarika</i>
		Jainap Seheult The Effect of Maternal Employment on Juvenile Delinquent Behaviour of Adolescents Attending Secondary Schools in the Victoria Education District, Southern Trinidad: A Cross-Sectional Latent Factor Analysis
		Andel Andrew Being a Transgender Youth in Trinidad and Tobago: A Socio-Legal Perspective
		Session Five Manifestations of Young Peoples' Exposure and Practices in Response to Social Media: Revelations from Central America and the Caribbean 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
	Chairperson	Jenile Duncan
	SM1	Ana Luisa Reyes Serrano & Sara Guilamo Jiménez Use and Abuse of Social Networks, in Dominican Youth and Adolescents <i>Non-presenting author: Dania Segura</i>
		Godfrey St. Bernard Accounting for the Dynamics of Bullying on Social Media among Secondary School Students: Preliminary Insights from Sample Survey Data from Schools in Trinidad <i>Non-presenting authors: Madgerie Jameson-Charles, Rinnelle Lee Piggott, Safia King, & Shivana Chankar</i>
		Anna Sarony Barahona, Josué David Pineda, Kevin Alberto Cruz Social Media, Youth and Violence
		Sherritza Peterson and Xuri Maurice Allen Exploring Parental Knowledge of the Risk Factors of Sexting in Secondary/High School Students in St. Maarten

	Day Three: Friday 21st October, 2022 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	
	Session 1 Migratory Currents Impacting the Young People’s Cross-National Movements – The Case of Latin American and Caribbean Migrants #1 10:00 am - 11:45 am	
	Chairperson	Henry Parada
	IM1	Kevin Cruz, David Pineda & Anna Barahona Notes for a new look at youth migration in Honduras
		Sara Guilamo Jiménez & Ana Luisa Reyes Migratory movements in the Dominican Republic: Its impact on young people <i>Non-presenting author: Lic. Marlen Perez Dorville</i>
		Belia Villeda Erazo Emigration and deportation: the faces of the double expulsion and abandonment of youth in Guatemala
		Godfrey St. Bernard Push-Pull Factors and Young Trinidadian Migrant Impulses – Reflections of Fortunes in Canada and the Homeland <i>Non-presenting author: Safia King</i>
	Session 2 Exposure to Violence among Child and Youth Populations in Central American and Caribbean Societies 11:45 am - 1:00 pm	
	Chairperson	Terri-Ann Young
	V1	Madgerie Jameson-Charles Violence in the Lives of Secondary School Students in Trinidad <i>Non-presenting authors: Rinnelle Lee Piggott, Godfrey St. Bernard,,Safia King, Shivana Chankar</i>
		Rinnelle Lee Piggott Secondary schools’ efforts to mediate violence experienced by students <i>Non-presenting authors: Madgerie Jameson-Charles, Godfrey St. Bernard, Shivana Chankar, Safia King</i>
		Kevin Cruz, Anna Barahona and David Pineda "There Are Many Gangs Here": The Impact of Violence and Insecurity Around the Migration of Honduran Youth to the United States
		Godfrey St. Bernard Differences, inequalities and inequities in the experience of child homicide in Trinidad and Tobago Madgerie Jameson-Charles, <i>Non-presenting author: Safia King</i>
	Session 3 Marsha Hinds-Myrie and Russel Watson Panel 1:00 pm - 1:40 pm	
	Chairperson	Terri-Ann Young
		Marsha Hinds-Myrie and Russel Watson Interview Media as a 21st Century Advocacy tool in The Caribbean: Industrial Schools, Truth and Reconciliation

		Session 4 Education Systems, Practices and Child Rights Issues in Central America and the Caribbean 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
	Chairperson	Veronica Escobar Olivo
	ES1	Ana Luisa Reyes Serrano & Sara Güilamo Jiménez Safeguarding Rights in Educational Centers. Study of cases
		Daniel Sanchez Morales, Kristin Swardh, and Patricia Quan Spaces, Placemaking, and Ethnicity: The experiences of Latin American children in Canada’s education system <i>Non-presenting authors: Henry Parada & Veronica Escobar Olivo</i>
		Laura Perez Gonzalez, Brenda Aleman, and Jasmine Murphy Suddenly I was shy: Latin American 1.5 generation and identity building <i>Non-presenting authors: Henry Parada & Veronica Escobar Olivo</i>
		Madgerie Jameson-Charles The Role of Schools as Safe Spaces to protect the Rights and Well- being of Students: Perspectives of Teachers in Selected Secondary Schools in Trinidad <i>Non-presenting authors: Godfrey St. Bernard & Safia King</i>
		Session 5 Lesson Learnt - RCYP Project 3:40 pm - 4:00 pm
	Chairperson	Mtima Solwazi (ROOTS Foundation)
		Karene Nathaniel - DeCaires Lesson Learnt - RCYP Project
		Vote of thanks - Shivana Chankar