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## **Project Co-ordinator for Transitional Living Programme for Children in State Care (TLP-CSC)**



Dr. Priya Anaokar reported as Project Co-ordinator for the TLP project on January 5, 2015.

Dr. Anaokar holds a PhD in Social Work with specialization in Child Mental Health from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India. She has over 15 years of work experience in India and Jamaica, in multiple settings including the corporate social responsibility sector, the clinical setting as well as the research oriented academic setting.

She has worked on several field action projects with multidisciplinary teams, encompassing work with children, families and health professionals, with focus on mental health, child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse among other areas, at both the preventive and curative level. Over the last five years Dr. Anaokar has headed the Secretariat of the Global Child Development Group (GCDG) and was instrumental in the design and management of the GCDG Website.

She served as the lead researcher on the “Follow-up of the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence against Children for the Caribbean” 2012 study, and most recently coordinated data gathering to inform the

development and management of the Health and Family Life Education Website for the Caribbean.

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## CCDC participated in Caribbean Child Rights Conference



Photo: Ceceile Minott, Actg. Head CCDC at Caribbean Child Research Conference, 2014

The Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC), The University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus, partnered with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), The UWI, UNICEF, and other agencies to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference on November 5-6, 2014 at the Jamaica Conference Centre under the theme '*Promoting the rights of Children with Disabilities*'. The Caribbean Child Research Conference (CCRC) is a regional event, covering a range of child related themes. The general objective of the conference is to bring together child advocates, children, teachers, academicians, policy formulators and implementers, state and non-state actors to discuss the status of child rights, child welfare and child development in the Caribbean.

The CCRC 2014 provided a forum for 9 Jamaican children and 1 Barbadian child and 33 adult researchers from Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States and Jamaica to explore a number of issues related to children with disabilities. Some 330 individuals were registered on the first day of the conference, including 200 students and teachers from secondary level schools. On Day 2, just under 430 participants attended, including over 300 students and teachers from secondary and primary institutions. With regard to adult participants, over 30 organizations, including tertiary level institutions, were represented. These included government and non-governmental organisations which provide support to children with disabilities.

The conference aims to share research on children, strengthen the network of researchers on children issues, and encourage research in areas that are often "under-researched."

## CCDC facilitated Caribbean Virtual Forum



*Photo: Forum facilitator Dr. Priya Anaokar (left) at the Caribbean Virtual Forum held at the UWI Learning Centre via teleconference on November 18, 2014.*

The Inter American Children's Institute (IIN) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and The Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC), University of the West Indies Open Campus (UWIOC) in collaboration with The Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network (CKLN) held a Caribbean Virtual Forum (CVF) on November 18th, 2014 at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Learning Centre via teleconference.

Seven sites of the University of the West Indies (Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Vincent, and Trinidad) joined in the discussions.

The objectives of the CVF were:

- To make a contribution to the XXI Pan-American Child and Adolescent Congress from a Caribbean perspective.
- To foster the leadership skills of children and adolescents, promoting their participation in issues in which they have a stake.
- To disseminate information and provide a forum for examination of the issue of violence against children and adolescents.

## Restorative Justice in the Best Interest of Children



*Photo: Participants from the Child Justice Unit, Ministry of Justice*

At the request of the Child Justice Unit of the Ministry of Justice's Victim Services Division, CCDC's Master Trainer, Heather Gallimore delivered a module on Child Rights and Responsibilities to 54 more Restorative Justice (RJ) Facilitators in November 2014, bringing the total to almost 100 RJ Facilitators trained in a year.

Participation levels were high; RJ Facilitators from across the island fully engaged in the interactive learning activities, demonstrating keen interest in the subject matter. Test scores and evaluation findings suggest that transformative learning took place; the Facilitators reported experiencing significant positive shifts in their knowledge, attitude and skills to deal effectively with a variety of children, particularly the most vulnerable, who face numerous challenges.

Our communities stand to gain notably from the contributions of RJ Facilitators, especially when creative ways are found to sustain their high levels of interest and commitment to supporting the best interests of children.

CCDC continues to build capacity and strengthen the network of child rights champions



## Library Activities

### CCDC's Library joins OCLIS to bring Virtual Reference Services to Staff and Students

The Open Campus Library and Information Services (OCLIS) *Ask A Librarian* service is a Virtual Reference Service that allows staff and students to email or chat online with staff of the OCLIS. Chat is available to the UWI Open Campus (UWIOC) community.

To use chat users must sign in with their MyOC credentials, that is their *username* and *password*. Alternatively, any user may send a question or comment via email. No sign in is required to send an email.

See: <http://www.open.uwi.edu/library/uwi-open-campus-library>

### CCDC's Multimedia Library

Visit the CCDC's Library page to see our full collection on our Multimedia Library Page.

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/ccdc/multimedia-library>

### Open Access Caribbean Library Journal (CLJ)

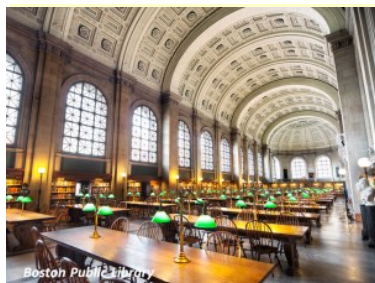
CCDC Librarian works on the editing committee of the Caribbean Library Journal. The Caribbean Library Journal is an online open access peer reviewed journal published by The University of the West Indies.

This medium provides a forum for information professionals in the Caribbean and those who work with Caribbean materials globally to discuss their work, share ideas and experiences.

The CLJ is published annually and contributors are invited to submit new scholarly works such as academic essays, book reviews and research reports.

See <http://journals.sta.uwi.edu/clj/index.asp>

## Library Conference



Twelfth International Conference on Books, Publishing and Libraries

Simmons College  
Boston, USA  
8-9 November 2014

CCDC's Librarian Kisha Sawyers attended the Book Publishing and Libraries conference in Boston, Massachusetts from Nov. 8-9, 2014. The conference featured the relevance of the concept of disruptive technologies to libraries and the publishing industry and the effects of transforming them into sustainable technologies. Conference participants lead discussions on new developments in the field, such as the impacts of digitization, the internet and e-book readers on the future of publishing

### Market Survey Research - MPhil/PhD Child Studies

CCDC is in the process of developing a **Masters/PhD in Child Studies** and invites your participation a market survey to determine the relevance and demand for the proposed programme.

This market survey is designed to determine the specialisations that would be attractive or useful, and financial viability.

The results will be used to design a programme that meets market determined needs, using the blended/online format. Your input is critical. We ask that you use the link to access and respond to the survey. We look forward to your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UWIOC-CHILDSTUDIES>