



## Importance of Foster Care Being Highlighted

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### Story Highlights

The Child Development Agency (CDA) is observing its annual National Foster Care Recognition Week from February 12 to 18, under the

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The observance is aimed at helping foster parents and highlighting the positive impact that foster care makes on the lives of children entrusted in their care.

The week's activities commence on Monday, February 13, at the CDA on February 12, to be followed by a series of seminars, community promotion activities, luncheons and panel discussions.

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She explained that foster care is a temporary home to children on a temporary basis, which contributes to their development and well-being.

Over 4,000 children are presently in State care and of this amount approximately 800 are living with foster parents. The observance is also in keeping with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information's thrust to fast-track comprehensive initiatives to transform the child protection sector and improve the lives of all children.

As part of the observance, the agency has partnered with PetroCaribe Development Fund, Jamaica, to provide therapeutic sessions to children in State care.

This will take place throughout the week and beyond.

For further information on upcoming events for Foster Care Week, persons may contact the CDA at [www.cda.gov.jm](http://www.cda.gov.jm).



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