Importance of Foster Care Being Highlighted

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The Child Development Agency (CDA) is observing its annual National Foster Care Recognition Week from February 12 to 18, under the theme: ‘Your Home Makes a Difference’.

This is the eleventh observance of the week, and according to Manager of Public Relations and Communications, Rochelle Dixon, this provides an opportunity for the CDA to highlight the important contribution that foster parents make to national development.

Over 4,000 children are presently in State care and of this amount approximately 800 are living with foster families. Miss Dixon said that the observance is also in keeping with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information’s thrust to fast-track changes to implement bold and 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 Social Investment Fund (JSIF) and Hope Zoo 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.