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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn shares a moment with Commissioner of Corrections, Brigadier (Ret'd) Radgh Mason, while examining the creative artwork in one of the three rooms of the newly constructed state-of-the-art nursery at the South Camp Adult Correctional Centre in Kingston during a tour of the facility earlier today (September 24). The nursery was constructed at an estimated cost of \$13 million.

**State-of-the-art Nursery to aid DCS Rehabilitation Process**

Jamaica receives its first state-of-the-art nursery to aid the rehabilitation process within the Department of Correctional Services (DCS).

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn says **“by providing incarcerated mothers with the opportunity to be close to their babies, we foster positive rehabilitation and give them a sense of purpose.”**

She further added: **“This initiative allows mothers to maintain strong family bonds, reduces recidivism and ultimately helps to reintegrate them into society as better individuals. This is what true reform looks like.”**

The State Minister was speaking at the Opening Ceremony for the Nursery at the South Camp Adult Correctional Centre in Kingston earlier today (September 24).

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn noted that the construction of the nursery signals the government’s commitment to modernising the DCS and is in alignment with the National Correctional Services Policy.

**“Objective 4, Strategy 1 and 2, of this Policy has laid the foundation for today’s achievement, calling for the establishment of staffing positions dedicated to women and**



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**children and the creation of specialised facilities that promote child development, even in a correctional setting,”** Minister Cuthbert-Flynn explained.

The construction of the state-of-the-art facility came at an estimated cost of over \$13 million, which Minister Cuthbert-Flynn pointed out as an investment in the nation’s future.

Meanwhile, in expressing gratitude to the DCS for transforming her vision into reality, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn pointed out that the nursery will play a significant role in the long-term national security of the island.

**“By focusing on rehabilitation and the nurturing of family ties, we are addressing the root causes of crime and creating a path towards safer communities”,** she emphasised.

**Additional photos:**



Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (second right) engages in a discussion with an incarcerated mother at the entrance of the newly constructed nursery at the South Camp Adult Correctional Centre. Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe (second left), Commissioner of Corrections, Brigadier (Ret’d) Radgh Mason and Superintendent at the facility, Joycelyn Roach-Spencer look on with delight.



Newly constructed nursery at the South Camp Adult Correctional Centre in Kingston.



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