Tim: Enforce law on statutory rape

2,500 TEENS PREGNANT

WOMAN, 33, BOUND, GAGGED, THROAT SLIT

NPTA reports fathers-to-be as students from same school

8 SCHOOLGIRLS PREGNANT

Baby Jaedon laid to rest
Marlon King guilty of 4-year-old’s murder

AMY KILLER TO HANG

Judge hits sloppy hospital records

AG writes Gibbs on Newsday raid
332 kilos shipped from Trinidad to US port

$640M COCAINE IN JUICE

31 murders
Cries of anguish: teen brothers killed for cellphone

TOO YOUNG TO DIE

4 MURDERS IN 10 HOURS

VOTERS SPLIT OVER SANDY

Highlights of TOP candidates

46 TIPS & TRICKS!
Today's topic?
Social issues...
Social problems...
...affecting the family
A social issue or social problem is a condition that at least some people in a community view as being undesirable.

Can you think of some other examples of social issues that affect families in Trinidad and Tobago?
Two-cents project

What are the causes?
Probable Causes of Teenage Pregnancy

1. Lack of moral and religious education
2. Broken homes leading to poor socialization
3. Influence of television
4. Poor self-esteem
5. Poor role models
6. Peer pressure
7. Lack of education on the disadvantages of pre-marital sex
8. Substance Abuse
What are the consequences?
CONSEQUENCES OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY

- Teenagers ill-equipped to raise children properly
- Teenagers lack the financial resources to maintain their children
- Extra financial burden put on parents of teenage mothers impedes the general family prosperity
- Drop-out of school → Career prospects damaged → cycle of poverty
- Children affected by all the problems associated with a single-parent family
- Pregnancy in early teens can jeopardize the young mother’s health
- Character tarnished
- Strain put on the welfare system as working population must pay higher taxes to cover education and social benefits (child grant)
CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse can take several forms:

1. **Neglect**, in which the responsible adult fails to adequately provide for various needs, including:
   - **physical** (failure to provide adequate food, clothing, or hygiene),
   - **emotional** (failure to provide nurturing or affection) or
   - **educational** (failure to enroll a child in school).
2. **Physical abuse** is physical aggression directed at a child by an adult. It can involve striking, burning, choking or shaking a child, and the distinction between discipline and abuse is often poorly defined.

3. **Child sexual abuse** is any sexual act between an adult and a child, including penetration, oral sex and forced nudity in front of an adult.

4. **Psychological abuse**, also known as emotional abuse, which can involve belittling or shaming a child, inappropriate or extreme punishment and the withholding of affection.
incest

- Sexual relations between people classed as being too closely related to marry each other.

- The crime of having sexual intercourse with a parent, child, sibling, or grandchild.

- Any sexual activity between closely related persons (often within the immediate family) that is illegal or socially taboo.
The most frequently reported type of incest is father-daughter incest. However, some studies suggest that sibling incest occurs as often, or more often, than other types of incest.
Case Study:
Amy Emily
Annamunthodo
Worksheet: Please Stop drinking, mom
Worksheet: Through for good

How does suicide affect families?
Effects of suicide on families

- Grief
- Loss of income if person was the breadwinner
- No insurance
- Shame
- Family members blame themselves
What are the causes of T&T's high murder/homicide rate?
CAUSES OF MURDER/HOMICIDE

- Gang activity
- Drug trade/drug trafficking
- Substance abuse (alcoholism and drug addiction)
- Greed (robbery/burglary with assault)
- Stress
- Lack of spiritual values
- Poverty, high unemployment, illiteracy
- Marital discord
  - infidelity
  - substance abuse
  - financial hardship
How does losing a family member to murder/homicide affect the victim’s family?

How is the country’s economy affected by the high murder rate?
CONSEQUENCES

- Grief at loss of loved one (may cause depression)
- Fear than family may be targeted next
- Trauma if family witnessed crime
- Loss of financial support if victim was main breadwinner ... poverty/hardship
  - Women may be forced into prostitution
  - Children may have to drop out of school and find work
  - School-work may suffer if child works part-time and stays in school
- Tourism might suffer
- Foreign investors might be reluctant to invest in the country if it is deemed unsafe
THE ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, TYPICALLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FORCED LABOUR OR COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.
Human Trafficking

- Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others.
- There are several types of human trafficking including forced labor, sex trafficking, forced child labor, bonded labor, involuntary domestic servitude, debt bondage among migrant laborers and child soldiers.
- Human trafficking occurs in every part of the world, from less developed countries to more developed countries. As such, it is a crime under U.S. and international law. Victims can be any age, any gender and from any economic standing in life.
Human trafficking is a very serious problem in Trinidad & Tobago. According to an investigation done by one media house, women from Venezuela, Colombia, Santo Domingo and the Dominican Republic are brought here illegally thinking they would get work as a waitress or secretary only to end up being forced into prostitution.

Another kind of human trafficking occurs when people from other countries come to Trinidad in search of jobs and end up having their passports taken and being worked like slaves.
WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON FAMILIES/SOCIETY?

Families (family member missing):
- Grief as family member goes missing

Families (trafficked foreigners):
- Unfaithful husbands can become infected with STD's and spread the infection to their spouses/partners
- Marital discord leading to divorce / broken families
- Family income spent on brothels/prostitution – no money for food, school etc

Society
- Tourism affected negatively as country deemed unsafe
STREET CHILDREN
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1. **Abandonment** by parents after divorce or separation
2. **Runaways** – due to sexual, physical and/or emotional abuse
3. **Poverty**
4. **Search for independence** from overly authoritative parents
5. **Orphaned** - Parents died from HIV/AIDS
6. **Drug-addict parents** - Kick children out of the house
1. Describe some of the dangers street children are exposed to.

2. Do you agree with the statement that all street children “have no future”?

3. What can be done and by whom to assist street children?
Domestic violence (also known as domestic abuse, spousal abuse, or intimate partner violence) occurs when a family member, partner or ex-partner attempts to physically, sexually or psychologically dominate another.

Often refers to violence by one spouse against the other, but can also include violence between cohabitants and unmarried intimate partners.

Domestic violence occurs in all cultures, and people of all races, ethnicity, religions, sexes and classes can be perpetrators of domestic violence. Domestic violence is perpetrated by both men and women.
The abuse tends to follow a pattern of tension building, abuse, then forgiveness. During the in-love phase the abuser may be genuinely sorry and ask for forgiveness. This may be a romantic time and the couple may feel a sense of renewed intimacy. But the abuser will abuse again.
The cycle of Violence is a pattern in an abusive relationship. The abuser swings between periods of loving affection in the “honeymoon phase” to periods of tension that end in violence. The longer this cycle is repeated the more frequent and severe the violence.
Warning Signs

1. Jealousy
2. Quick involvement
3. Rapid dramatic personality shifts
4. Blames others for his problems/feelings
5. Isolation
6. Cruelty to animals
7. Tight control over finances
8. Manipulation through guilt
What is Domestic Violence?

- Domestic violence is a pattern of violence or intimidation in an intimate relationship by one intimate partner against another, designed to establish power and control over the victim. It may be physical, sexual, and/or psychological abuse or assaults.

Dynamics of Domestic Violence

- Power and control are central to the issue of domestic violence. Tactics used to establish control include economic abuse, emotional abuse, isolation and threats, particularly around the woman's fear of losing custody of the children. Other tactics are isolation, minimizing, denying and refusing to take responsibility for his actions, e.g., "look what you made me do."
**Relationship Quiz**

- Both of us decide what we want to do when we are together.
- I am starting to feel isolated from friends I had before.
- My partner often criticizes the way I look or act.
- If I want to participate in a school activity or social evening without my partner, he or she does not object.
- I feel pressured into sexual activity.
- I always try to please my partner, and I feel responsible if things go wrong.
- My partner teases me meanly, and embarrasses me in front of my friends.
- My partner has hurt me physically, although he or she was sorry afterwards.
- My feelings and wishes are important to my partner.
- My partner is very jealous.