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**TEEN IN NEED:** Always consider what is in the best interest of the child.

## Protect children's privacy during visits to homes



**T**HAS become part of the culture of Trinidad and Tobago for corporate and private citizens to donate gifts and bring cheer to children in residential care.

However, the Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CA) is advising the public that when they visit community residences (children's homes and rehabilitation centres), they should respect the rights and privacy of the children.

In particular, children should not be photographed in a manner that can lead to their identification since many children who live at these residences

- include:
- children who are placed for safekeeping and protection
  - children in conflict with the law
  - children who are the subject of ongoing investigations.

The authority is reminding the public that child protection is everybody's business and we should always consider what is in the best interest of the child.

