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Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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**Ministry of Social Development and Family Services launches television series for**

**Family Month 2020**

**Tuesday June 02, 2020** --- The *Ministry of Social Development and Family Services* is pleased to announce the premiere of a three-part mini-series entitled, *Living with Covid-19*, live on *TTT Limited* from Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3 p.m. The hour-long broadcast is an initiative of the Ministry's *National Family Services Division*, in support of the United Nations' *International Day of Families*, which is commemorated annually on May 15.

According to Mrs. Sharon Winchester, Co-ordinator for the *National Family Services Division (NFSD)*, the decision to develop the series was motivated by the frequency of requests that continue to be made for the Ministry's assistance against abuse and domestic violence, particularly after April 1, 2020, following the implementation of the stay at home measures. Mrs. Winchester further indicated that the television pilot would complement the Division's on-going radio series, *It's Family Time. Let's Talk* which is hosted on I 95.5 FM on Wednesdays from 1p.m. The latter is enjoying favourable reviews.

During the next three weeks, episodes of *Living with Covid-19* will focus on a variety of family-oriented issues, inclusive of *Caring for Persons with Disabilities, Elder Abuse, Intimate Partner Abuse and Mental Health and Wellness*. Each episode will feature the Executive and staff of the *NFSD*, as well as, subject matter experts from various programmes and institutions. The *Ministry of Social Development and Family Services* will also provide insight on existing support for families and its strategic objectives for same within a post COVID-19 environment.

Citizens are encouraged to email their questions and concerns during the programme via the Ministry's social media feeds and at [cceu@social.gov.tt](mailto:cceu@social.gov.tt). Additionally, viewers can participate live in the segment by calling into the studio.

The *Ministry of Social Development and Family Services* looks forward to assisting and empowering our nation's families, as we work together to build a resilient and sustainable Trinidad and Tobago for all generations.

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