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# Virtual Early Childhood Conference

**Theme:** BOYS TO MEN: ECE NO SMALL MATTER! **Tagline:** HELPING BOYS TO THRIVE!

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## Day - 1 Wednesday 3, November 2021

- 8:30 AM** Conference Opening- including Prayer-Bishop John Persaud
- 9:10 AM** **Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Jasford Gabriel – Principal, Manchester High School, Jamaica
- 9:43 AM** **Healthy Fathering: Strategic Fathering for Raising Boys into Men Protecting their emotional Life**  
Dr. Ira Roach - Senior Pastor, Temple Refuge Church, USA
- 10:16 AM** **Do EC Programmes Cater More to Girls than Boys? Developing Equity in the EC Learning Space**  
Dr. Christopher Clarke - Principal, Midland Bible College Clarendon, Jamaica
- 10:49 AM** **Men in Early Childhood: Strategies to increase and Retain Male Teachers, Intergenerational Male Mentors, and volunteers in the EC Learning Environment-** Dr. Douglas Hixwell - Professional Motivational Speaker, Special Needs Educator
- 11:21-11:59 AM** *Lunch Break*
- 12:01 PM** **Forging the Spirits of Boys through Healthy Rites of Passage**  
Mr. Owen **BLAKKA**-Ellis - Writer, Actor, Educator
- 12:34 PM** **The Struggle of Boys in Organized Early Childhood Programmes: Matching the Temperament of Young Boys to their Social, Emotional, Cognitive and Physical Development**  
Mr. Joseph Heron - Safety and Security Coordinator, MOEYI
- 1: 07 PM** **Impact of COVID 19 On EC Education: Strategies for Developing Learning Pods for Young Boys**  
Dr. Zoyah Kinkead-Clark, Lecturer, Early Childhood Education, UWI, Mona
- 1:39 PM** **Day 1 Wrap-Up**



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Day 2- Thursday, 4 November 2021

- 8:30 AM** Day 2 -Including Prayer
- 9:01 AM** **Boys to Men- Round Table Chat – Moderator:** Rev. Everton Tyndale  
Daniel Christian - Denbigh Primary, **Jovaine Reid** - Kingston College,  
Wayne Wedderburn - Operations Restorations Christian School
- 9:44 AM** **Late Starters: Strategies for Creating Opportunities for Boys Success**  
Mr. Robert Dixon - Principal, Operation Restoration Christian School
- 10:17 AM** **Practical Solutions to the impact of Trauma and Poverty on Boy's learning Experience** – Dr. Herbert Gayle
- 10:49-10:59 AM** *Stretch Break*
- 11:01 AM** **Establishing Young Boy's Spirituality : A Catalyst for Holistic Development**– Deacon Ronald Thwaites
- 11:34 AM** **Safe Electronics and Technology for Various Stages of Boys Development** - Mr. Jason Brown – Director, SOS Children's Village
- 12:17 PM** *Vote of Thanks / Conference Closing*