



# THE GRAND BAHAMA CHILDREN'S HOME

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GUIDELINES

All residents of the Home are wards of the Minister of Social Services and Community Development, therefore The Department of Social Services must ensure that their personal history is confidential and their future is secured and protected.

Due to the level of confidentiality, only brief information can be disclosed.

1. Before you enter The Grand Bahama Children's Home Volunteer Program, you are required to:-
  - a) Complete the Volunteer Application form
  - b) Submit two (2) character references (from persons who are not related to you), a current Health Certificate and a current Police Record
  - c) Proof of Nationality
2. Before permission is granted for weekend or overnight visits, a home visit must be completed by the Administrator or Assistant Administrator.
3. When the Grand Bahama Children's Home residents spend the night at your home, each child must be able to sleep in a bed alone. Boys and girls are not allowed to share the same room. Boys and girls are not allowed to share the same beds even if they are siblings.
4. Under no circumstances are children allowed to be taken from The Grand Bahama Children's Home unless The Department of Social Services or the Administrator grant prior approval.
5. All queries or concerns regarding the children must be addressed to the Administrators.
6. All approvals for outings and weekend visits must be granted two (2) days in advance, by the Administrator or The Department of Social Services.