

In planning this conference, the Crisis Centre was inspired by the **Ashanti proverb that says, "The ruin of a Nation begins in the homes of its people". It is from this message that we derived a focus on "Peace in the Home".**

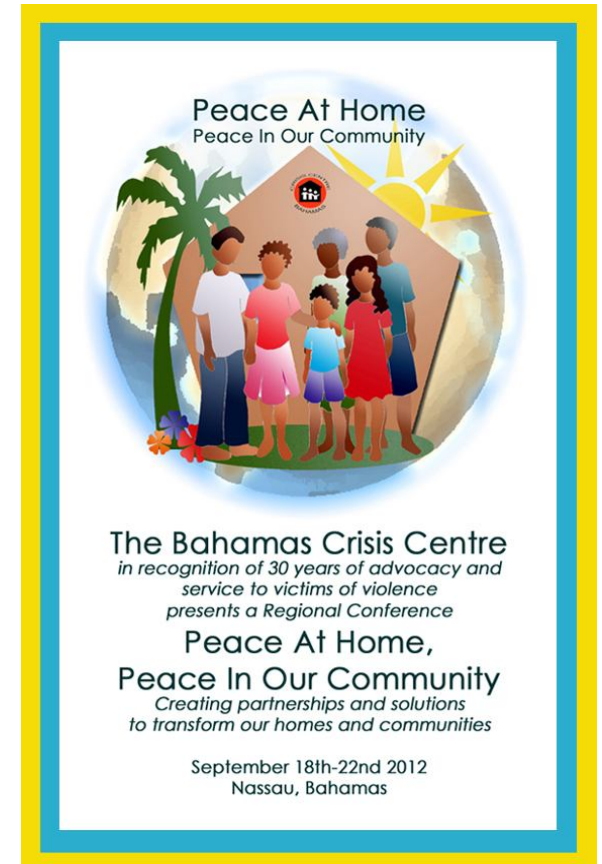
This conference will not only provide an opportunity for retooling and energizing those who work in the area of gender based violence, but we also intend to use it as a catalyst to create and nurture a movement of peace throughout the region. It will be one important step in the direction of peace in our homes and in our communities.

The Bahamas Crisis Centre is inviting the participation of all Caribbean Crisis Centres and related NGOs in this important Conference. We are also inviting Presenters on the range of issues that the Conference will address. This is therefore an invitation to prospective Presenters and a call for papers on scholarly research and culturally relevant programmes that would be appropriate to the Conference's goals and objectives.

We also ask that all participating delegations bring with them literature about their Centre or NGO and its work, for display at the Conference.

The draft schedule for the Conference will be available on 30 April 2012, and the formal Conference document with registration materials will be ready by 30 June 2012. We ask that persons interested in being Presenters notify us of their interest, and that research papers be received on before 31 May 2012.

**As Martin Luther King has said "Peace is not merely a distant goal that we are seeking but a means by which we arrive at that goal".**



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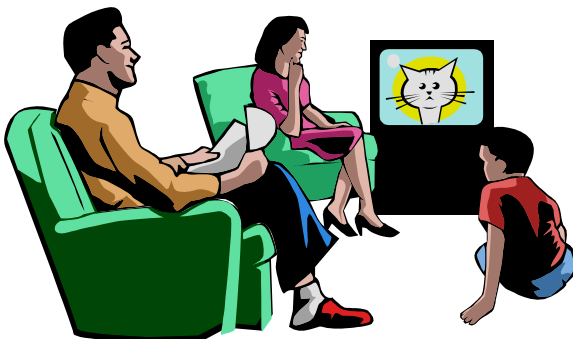
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**Bahamas Crisis Centre Peace Conference, September 18-22, Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, Nassau, Bahamas**

The Bahamas Crisis Centre this year celebrates **30 years** of advocacy and steadfast service to victims of violence which we began with the establishment of the Centre in 1982. We plan a year of activities throughout 2012 to focus attention on the devastating ravages of sexual and domestic violence, and on shaping effective responses to these critical matters.

A major highlight of this year is a **regional conference** planned to bring together the Crisis Centres and other NGO's throughout the Caribbean region to share strategies and discuss challenges facing all of us in the Caribbean in combating gender based violence.



The theme of the Conference is

**“Peace At Home, Peace In Our Community!  
Creating partnerships and solutions to transform our homes and communities”**

The objectives of the Conference are to:

- Deepen understanding of the causes, consequences of, and best practice responses to gender based violence;
- Explore culturally appropriate prevention strategies;
- Share approaches to sustainable peace making and peace building;
- Bring together Crisis Centres throughout the Caribbean for networking opportunities;
- Facilitate partnerships between men and women's organizations.

Since 1982, the Bahamas Crisis Centre has been at the forefront of promoting intervention and education efforts around the prevention of all forms of abuse.

We facilitate and promote the safety and healing of survivors of sexual and domestic violence and their families; raise consciousness to the adverse effects of violence on the quality of life; advocate legislative and societal change; challenge relevant agencies to foster appropriate and sensitive responses to these issues; advocate for the protection of victims of sexual aggression and promote healthy relationships.

