



The meeting held on **18th May, 2008** was poorly attended . We look forward to seeing our volunteers each month so we can update them on the activities and projects organized by the Centre. Many activities depend upon volunteer participation to ensure success.

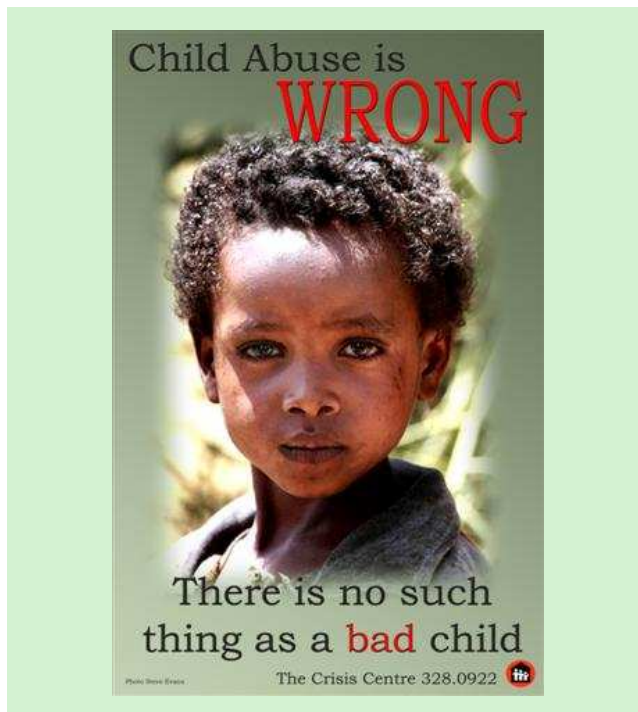
Dr. Patterson also expressed her concern that the media continues to publish names and/or details of the perpetrators of sexual crimes against children, thus identifying the child involved. More education is needed to encourage more sensitivity and less sensationalism in such cases.

We continued to discuss the **Green Ribbon Campaign**. September 21st is to be recognized as International Day of Peace and we will use that day to wear the bracelets and ribbons.

The Bullying Survey was to be completed by participating schools before the end of the school term.

Parenting Seminars are being held in different areas of New Providence in an effort to teach parents to use appropriate and non-violent methods in disciplining their children.

Giles Wells of the Radio Station Spirit 92.5 intends to provide slots to promote Community Programs and would like to see a Safe House, which would be a high end development, provided for women and children who are in need of shelter. He intends to develop the Well Foundation to fund community projects. Funds are to be solicited both here and abroad. He would like volunteers from The Crisis Centre to appear on the early morning show on a regular basis to sensitize the community to the issues that cause concern.



Dr. Patterson spoke about the new legislation to hopefully come into force on 1st July 2008. This will:

- Allow the batterer to be evicted from the family home
- Include all forms of domestic violence against spouse, partner, child, the elderly and includes harassment
- Mandate the court to act within 72 hours
- Allow a power of arrest to be attached to any Protection orders taken out against perpetrators of violence.

*Meetings are held on the **3rd Saturday of every month** and we try to call all volunteers to remind them. However, please keep the dates in mind, as it is not always possible to call everybody.*

*We welcome calls to the office to ask about any meetings, events and activities in which you might be interested. **Novelette** is our **Administrator** and she is always happy to hear from you.*

***Hotline volunteers** are asked to report any calls they have received while on duty. We continue to thank all of you for keeping this essential service going, especially those who cover the entire weekend.*

www.bahamascrisiscentre.org now has even more brochures on it so if you need information on any issues we address, please check it out! Looking forward to seeing you on **Saturday, 18th May at 10.00am**