

Our Juvenile Institutions

Rio Cobre Juvenile Correctional Centre

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Metcalfe Street Secure Juvenile Remand Centre

Metcalfe Street, Kingston
Tel: 1(876) 948-8714 / 948-8163

South Camp Juvenile Correctional & Remand Centre

South Camp Road, Kingston
Tel: 1(876) 906-2833

Hill Top Juvenile Correctional Centre

Hill Top, Bamboo, St. Ann
Tel: 1(876) 972-6115



Vision Statement

Repurposing lives to create safer communities and a productive Jamaica.

Mission Statement

To manage Jamaica's Corrections System, contributing to national security; implementing world-class rehabilitation and re-integration programmes in our correctional institutions and probation services, while maintaining safe custody of offenders.

Core Values

Incorruptibility
Accountability
Fairness
Respect
Confidentiality
Discipline
Integrity



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DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

JUVENILE SERVICES

Learning by Doing
Student Centered Approach
to Teaching & Learning



The Department of Correctional Services provides an education programme for children 12 to under 18 years of age who are placed by the courts in correctional centres for safe custody and rehabilitation. Most of our children struggle with learning difficulties and present behavioural problems.

Additionally, many of them have been abused and are more victims of circumstances rather than perpetrators of crime. However, like children anywhere, they have the potential to change and the capacity to achieve.

A major issue is that teachers and instructors often find it challenging to manage learning difficulties and engage them in concept learning.

It is with this in mind, that Learning by Doing as a teaching technique is being promoted to improve the education programme in the Juvenile Correctional and Remand Centres in Jamaica.

Concept of Learning by Doing

This is a student centered approach to learning in which students demonstrate ownership of their learning through practical and mental stimulation. They engage actively in learning through a range of activities which allow them to work at their own pace and with different learning styles



Outcome

The major aim of rehabilitation is to equip the children with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes so that they can be successfully reintegrated into society. With additional skills, they will be able to prepare for employment or create their own employment prospects.

Objectives of the Learning by Doing Concept



- ✓ To establish structured guidelines for the delivery of academic and vocational training using the Learning by doing Technique (experimental).
- ✓ To guide teachers on how to treat with the varying levels and learning styles of the children they teach.
- ✓ To facilitate student learning through cognitive and behavioural tasks that will enable the acquisition of knowledge.
- ✓ To provide a shift from the teacher - centered to the learner - centered approach to learning.