

## **ABSTRACT**

### **The Perspectives of Four Female Students on Their Violent Behaviour, at a Secondary School in St. George East Educational District, Trinidad**

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Employing a qualitative case study design, this study investigated the perspectives of four female students who were perpetrators of violent behaviour at a secondary school in Trinidad and Tobago. Data were collected through interviews. The results revealed that: 1) the lack of parental love, guidance, presence and support caused the students to develop a negative attitude; 2) the students viewed suspension as extra vacation and that it did not help them to change their behaviour; and 3) the students believed that if given the opportunity, they could influence their peers to change their behaviour because they had gone through the same experiences.

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