There is a dearth of knowledge regarding young women brought before the Courts in Trinidad and Tobago for being beyond control. Additionally, the Justice system in Trinidad and Tobago appears somewhat gender-biased in treating with boys, leaving the young women forgotten. Research contributions in this area have proven to be scant and almost none existent. Furthermore, previous international research into juvenile justice issues were also seen as mainly tracking the trends of boys. The lack of research on girls in the Juvenile Justice system is exemplified by Shaffner (2006), who posited that “academic studies, policy development and funding have and continue to focus on the situations and experiences of boys.” As a result, this paper explores the issues surrounding young women in the Juvenile Justice system in Trinidad and Tobago, who are deemed “beyond control”. Using a qualitative methodology, the study focused on the life experiences of eight (8) female juveniles charged with being beyond the control of their parents and committed by the courts in Trinidad and Tobago to institutions to address their behavioural challenges. This paper argues for more female specific intervention strategies and is aimed at capturing the attention of social work practitioners, other clinicians, administrators, policy makers, lawyers, judges, magistrates and other stakeholders within the Juvenile Justice system in Trinidad and Tobago. The results indicate that there are several contributory factors resulting in girls being brought before the Courts for behaviour related offences. Information on the facilities to which the girls were remanded, revealed that these institutions placed the children at further risk, due to a severe lack of resources at such facilities. The results indicated several factors upholding the issue of girls being brought to courts for behavioural offences. Information on the facilities to which the girls were remanded, revealed that these institutions placed the children at further risk, due to a severe lack of resources at such facilities.

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