



Rebekah Ali-Gouveia [Llb,Lpc,Pgcert], is a wife of 26 years and mother to four children ages 15 to 23, for whom she served as primary educator during their homeschooled formative years. Rebekah obtained her Bachelor of Laws from the University of London in 1999, her Post-Graduate Certificate in Business Administration from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Business School in 2002, and her Legal Practice Course from the University of Staffordshire in 2005. She was called to the Bar of Trinidad and Tobago in 2006 and later trained in civil and family mediation. In 2009, together with her husband, they founded The Elpis Centre. It was a pioneering organization that provided professional and peer counselling, housing and support for pregnant and single mothers in crisis. They actively worked with women, children and youth facing various crises, displacement, and abuse. In 2014, they rolled out an evidence-based program to guide adolescents in making the healthiest choices and formed the Caribbean Youth Partnership project to teach children and equip trusted adults on optimal health. During the period 2011 to 2017, in collaboration with international experts they planned, co-hosted and supported five major regional conferences on strengthening the natural family and fundamental freedoms. Rebekah would go on to organise and co-host numerous other family forums in the region, including ‘Our Children, Our Responsibility’ conference and workshops on fundamental freedoms. She has organised, delivered and intervened in numerous child safeguarding events and lobbying initiatives at local, regional and international levels including pushing back against comprehensive sexuality education. She currently works on projects to advance initiatives to protect and support children and families in her region.

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