

Children of Incarcerated Parents

Citizen Review Board



Presentation Overview

- Means of contact between incarcerated parent and child
 - Available technology
 - Visiting room visits
 - Enhanced visiting opportunities
- Pathfinders and other programs
- DOC case management



• **CONTACT BETWEEN
INCARCERATED PARENT
AND CHILD**



Children of Incarcerated Parents

- More than 1.7 million children in the U.S. have an incarcerated parent.
- The Oregon Department of Corrections found that of the inmates releasing to Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties in 2008, 60% were parents.

Children of Incarcerated Parents

- Challenges for children:
 - Parental loss
 - Stigma and shame
 - New living arrangements
 - Increased poverty



Rights of Children

Children of incarcerated parents have a right to speak with, see and touch their parent when it is appropriate and safe.



(Children of Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights)

Background: What Does Research Say?

Parent-child visitation is one of the most important elements to ensure the well-being of children when their parent is incarcerated.



(Child Protection Best Practices Bulletin)

Parent Child Study

- Randomized-control experiment study
- 359 mothers and fathers (41% racial minority)
- Children between 3-11 years of age



Parent Child Study

Inmates who receive visits from their children have:

- More parental involvement with child and caregiver
- Increased ease of relationship with caregiver
- More confidence in parenting
- Less use of poor discipline practices
- More use of positive reinforcement

Available Technology

- VIP: Video conferencing
- Instant Messaging: text messaging through MP3 players
- Email
- Phone Calls



Visiting Room Visits

The screenshot shows the Oregon Department of Corrections website. At the top, it says 'OREGON.GOV' and 'Department of Corrections'. Below this is a navigation menu with items like 'About Us', 'Contact Us', 'DOC Home Page', 'Search', 'Divisions', 'Site Map', 'Family & Friends', 'Visiting Services', 'Careers', 'Volunteers', 'Media / Publications', 'Public Safety Agencies', 'Find Offender Information', and 'State Sex Offender Inquiry System'. The 'Family & Friends' section is highlighted with a red circle. Below it, the 'Visiting' link is also highlighted with a red circle. The main content area includes a heading 'Information for Friends and Families' and several links: 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'DOC Intake & Assessment', 'DOC Orientation', 'CURE support group', and 'Mail'. A small photo of a visiting room is also visible.

DOC website, Friends and Family, Visiting, or
<http://www.oregon.gov/doc/Pages/Information-for-friends-and-family.aspx>

Enhanced Visiting Opportunities: Coffee Creek TACE



Enhanced Visiting Opportunities: Santiam Food and Craft Visiting



Enhanced Visiting Opportunities: Barbeques and Other Events



° PATHFINDERS



Pathfinders

Pathfinders' mission is to break through the cycle of criminality through focus on high risk individuals, families and children.

In 2011 Children's Justice Alliance became a program of Pathfinders of Oregon. Children's Justice Alliance seeks to improve outcomes for children of incarcerated parents.

Pathfinders: Three Objectives

A person from inside an institution or in the community learns to:

- parent from inside an institution or in the community,
- reduce intergenerational criminality, and
- reduce recidivism through strengthening family connections.



• PARENTING INSIDE OUT



Elements of Parenting Inside Out

A program of Pathfinders, Parenting Inside Out helps inmates recognize and understand the role of parents and children through:

- Healthy adult relationships
- Co-parenting
- Problem solving
- Non-violent discipline
- Positive reinforcement
- Monitoring



• OTHER PROGRAMS



Other Programs Include

- Education programs
- Turning Point residential treatment
- Religious Services
- Road to Success
- Pre-release resource education
- Pre-release reach in and orientation process
- And so many more...

• DOC CASE MANAGEMENT



Intake Assessment

An important part of intake is the assessment that each inmate goes through to determine what their particular needs are.



Intake Assessment

Inmates are evaluated on:

- Education/employment
- Family/marital relationships
- Alcohol and drug problems
- Pro-criminal attitudes
- Antisocial patterns
- Leisure and recreation
- Companions



Intake Assessment

Inmates receive two scores that help determine their custody level and the treatment plan.

- ACRS (Automated Criminal Risk Score).
- The LS/CMI (Level of Service Case Management Inventory).



Intake Assessment

Each inmate is assessed with a need level:

- Inmates with high risk are given priority for available programming.
- Inmates with medium risk are given a moderate priority for available programming.
- Inmates with low risk are given a low priority for available programming.



Intake Assessment

After the assessment all inmates receive a correctional case plan and are sent to the institution that most meets their needs.



How Counselors are Assigned

Inmates are assigned a counselor at their institution.

- Inmates with a moderate or high risk score are assigned a counselor based on the last 2 digits of their SID number.
- If inmates have received a low risk score, they are put on a case bank caseload and one counselor manages that caseload.

Programs for Specific Inmates

- Each facility has a different offering of programs available to inmates.
- Talk to the Correctional Counselor for more detailed information on what opportunities are available for a particular inmate.



Oregon Offender Search

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Oregon Offender Search

[Oregon Offender Search](#)
The Oregon Department of Corrections makes available offender information in



[List of Prisons](#)
Oregon's adult correctional institutions and community custody can pursue the goals specified in the state's corrections plan.

[FAQs about Oregon prisons](#)
Want to learn more about Oregon's prisons?

[Prison Rape Elimination Act \(PREA\)](#)
The Oregon Department of Corrections is committed to eliminating sexual assaults and sexual harassment in its adult correctional institutions, juvenile facilities, and community corrections centers.

Minimum Medium Maximum Future Prison Sites

Oregon Offender Search

After searching for the inmate you will be taken to this screen:

Public Information (Last Updated: 04/20/2014 18:45:36)

Inmate Photo and SID	Offender Name:	[Redacted]	Location:	Santiam Correctional Institution
	Age:	[Redacted]	DOB:	[Redacted]
	Gender:	[Redacted]	Race:	[Redacted]
	Height:	[Redacted]	Hair:	[Redacted]
	Weight:	[Redacted]	Eyes:	[Redacted]
	Caseload:	00501 Hanley, James		
	Institution Admission Date:	[Redacted]	Earliest Release Date:	[Redacted]



Conclusion