Children of Incarcerated Parents
Citizen Review Board

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

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

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.
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…
Intake Assessment

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

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.

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