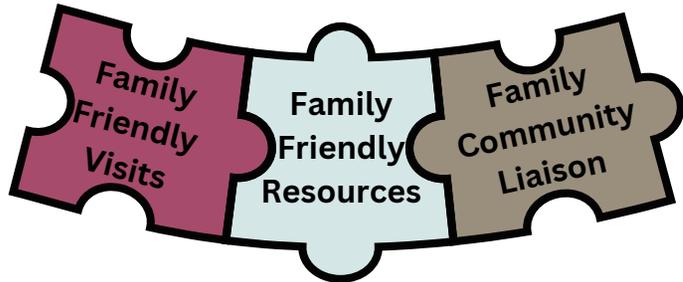


The Pieces to the Program



The information in this brochure includes programs and opportunities for parents, caregivers and children who are impacted by incarceration. The Family Community Liaison can help assist families with impacts



Parental incarceration can be difficult for a child. When a parent goes to jail, the child may experience challenges in family relationships, at school and in their community. The stigma of having an incarcerated parent can affect mental health and social interactions. FFJI strives to support kids and parents in this stressful situation to build connections and resiliency.

This program has added:

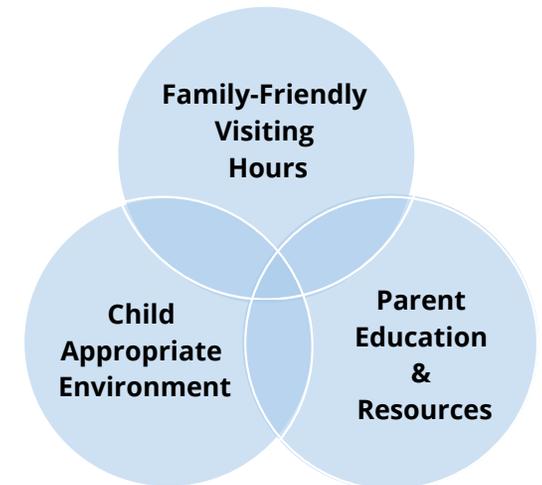
- Family Friendly Visits
- Parenting Education in jail and in the community
- Family Community Liaison
- Incarcerated Parent Library
- Resources for caregivers & children
- Kid-friendly lobby & visiting room
- Recordable children's stuffed animals and books for families

FFJI is supported collaboratively by these entities



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The Goal: To promote the well-being of children of incarcerated parents by addressing changes within policies, systems & environments that result in more responsiveness to children's needs.

Family Friendly Visits

- Child Friendly Lobby:
 - Children's furniture, artwork & books to help welcome kids and reduce fear
- Child-Friendly Visiting Hours:
 - Special hours for child visits
 - Allows for visitation of multiple children at once
 - All communication is **child focused**
 - **Contact visits** for incarcerated parents that complete parenting education packets
- Books for sharing:
 - Same children's books are made available on each side of the glass
 - Parents can read with their child to **promote literacy & positive interactions**
- Accountability:
 - To take part in family friendly visits inmates must be in good standing and free of violations
 - Participate in parenting education and complete assignments that reflect the visit

Family Friendly Resources

- Parenting from prison: *Hands-on Guide for Incarcerated Parents*
- FFJI participant library
- Sesame Street's Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Take-a-Book bookshelf in children's waiting area
- Recordable storybooks for parents to give their child
- Connection to school districts through release of information to continue support to children
- Lending library for inmates
- Parent resource pages contributed by local schools and County Collaborative
- Circle of Security
- Parenting Inside Out (PIO) Parent Education Program
- Additional Information on Parenting education topics

Family Community Liaison

- Help children build and maintain strong attachment to their parents **DURING** & especially **AFTER** incarceration
- Connect families to community resources and support networks
- Support communication between incarcerated parents, caregiver and school
- Assist with facilitating transportation and visits (in person and virtual)
- Facilitate **Parenting Inside Out (PIO)** and **Circle of Security** parent education program with parents/caregivers
- Referrals to online support programs for children of incarcerated parents

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