

Please complete if you are interested in receiving more information about the Children of Incarcerated Parents Work Group.

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- I'm interested in becoming a member of your work group.
- I'm interested in making a donation to the Children of Incarcerated Parents Work Group.

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Children of Incarcerated Parents A Bill of Rights

The San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership created the list below. The list is being discussed and considered in a number of communities across the United States.

1. I have the right to be kept safe and informed at the time of my parent's arrest.
2. I have the right to be heard when decisions are made about me.
3. I have the right to be considered when decisions are made about my parent.
4. I have the right to be well cared for in my parent's absence.
5. I have the right to speak with, see and touch my parent.
6. I have the right to support as I face my parent's incarceration.
7. I have the right not to be judged, blamed or labeled because my parent is incarcerated.
8. I have the right to a lifelong relationship with my parent.

The Family & Corrections Network sponsors the Children of Prisoners Library
www.fcnetwork.org

Thanks to the Frederick County children who drew the artwork in this brochure.

Children of Incarcerated Parents



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National Facts

In 2007

- 4 There were 1.7 million children with a parent in prison.
- 4 More than 70% of these were children of color.
- 4 The number of children with a parent in prison has increased 82% since the early 1990's.
- 4 The number of incarcerated mothers has more than doubled from 1991 to 2007 with 65,600 mothers incarcerated in 2007.
- 4 Approximately half of children with an incarcerated parent are under ten years old.

Taken from the Sentencing Project's 2009 Report - Incarcerated Parents & Their Children



The Children of Incarcerated Parents Work Group (COIP) was established in 2004 to identify the needs of Frederick County children of inmates and their caregivers. It is an interagency work group made up of the following organizations:

- Frederick County Board of Education
- Frederick County Health Department
- Mental Health Association of Frederick County
- Frederick County Adult Detention Center
- Frederick County Head Start
- Family Partnership
- Church Women United
- Frederick County Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Work Group Accomplishments

- 4 Created children of incarcerated parents 10 minute DVD with national and local information and pictures drawn by local children.
- 4 Presentations/ training provided to educators, criminal justice staff, service club members and the general public.
- 4 Bags created and given out to children of incarcerated parents. Handmade tote bags have stationery, stamps, two children's book about dealing with separation and incarceration, a stuffed animal and resource information for the caregiver.
- 4 Bags for older children include a disposable camera, coupons for picture development, a journal, a blanket or pillow in addition to stationery & stamps.

Frederick County Facts

During 2007 in the Frederick County Adult Detention Center (FCADC):

- 4 4,290 individuals were processed.
- 4 The average daily population was 496.
- 4 The recidivism rate for the general FCADC population was 51.91%.
- 4 The recidivism rate for those completing the substance abuse treatment program was 16%.

