

Program Objective:

Assist offenders and their families during the three phases of the criminal justice process.

Provide the expectations and rules of the Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

Refer the family for services while the offender is incarcerated.

Provide assistance to the offender that will aid in their transition into the community.

Focus primarily on the children that are affected by this process.



Families are the centerpiece for positive change!

Partners:

- Bureau of Prisons (BOP)
- St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE)
- Connections to Success
- Hervey Foundation
- St. Vincent's Church
- Coalition for Children of Offenders
- U.S. Public Defenders Office
- Fatherhood Initiative of St. Louis



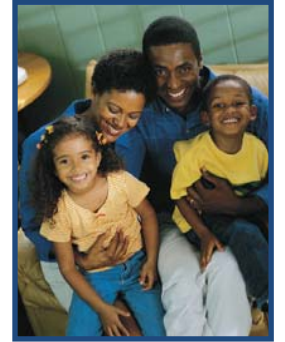
“With supportive families and positive influences we can do anything we set our minds to.”



Doug Burris
Chief, U.S. Probation
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Facts:

- Over 1.5 million children in the U.S. have a parent who is in prison.
- Women are housed in prisons an average of 160 miles from their children, the average for men is up to 100 miles away.
- Fewer than 50% receive visits from their children.
- Children of incarcerated parents are seven times more likely than the general population to become incarcerated themselves.
- 63% of federal and 55% of state prisoners are parents of children under age 18.



Program Overview:

The program will be conducted in three phases:

- Orientation to address concerns of what to expect during incarceration.
- Meet with the offender and/or family to discuss the needs of the family. Provide information to various social service agencies.
- Upon release, assist the offender and family with a successful transition into the community.



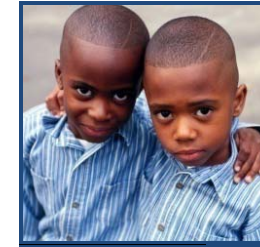
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“Assisting both defendants/offenders and their families reduces recidivism, lowers costs to taxpayers and creates a better future for us all.”

Catherine D. Perry
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court
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The Family Support
and
Community Connections Program