

## Resources

Below are some of the resources, nationally and in Pennsylvania, to which you might be able to reach out to get assistance in engaging parents of incarcerated children.

- Bethesda Family Services Foundation  
P.O. Box 210  
West Milton, PA 17886  
Telephone: (570) 568-2373  
Web Address: [www.bfsf.org](http://www.bfsf.org)

Parenting programs and seminars for incarcerated parents and families focusing on relational healing for all family members. Participants are taken on a journey through The Four Steps to Emotional Healing, leading them to victory over their pain and allowing them to restore broken relationships. Additional parenting skills training is also provided.

- Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents (CCIP)  
P.O. Box 41-286  
Eagle Rock, CA 90041  
Email: [ccip@earthlink.net](mailto:ccip@earthlink.net)  
Telephone: (626) 449-2470  
Web Address: <http://www.e-ccip.org/>

CCIP offers its Clearinghouse that offers a collection of over 3500 documentary and audiovisual items that can be purchased online or by mail through two catalogs, the CCIP Journal, training and technical assistance activities, research and advocacy efforts.

The CCIP's General Catalog can be viewed online. By mail, through the Catalog for Incarcerated Parents, CCIP offers more than 200 items free of charge to prisoners and their families.

- Family & Corrections Network  
93 Old York Road Suite 1 #510  
Jenkintown, PA 19046  
Telephone: (215) 576-1110  
Fax: (215) 576-1815 fax  
Email: [fcn@fcnnetwork.org](mailto:fcn@fcnnetwork.org)  
Web Address: [www.fcnetwork.org](http://www.fcnetwork.org)

Provides ways for those concerned with families of prisoners to share information and experiences in an atmosphere of mutual respect. The organization publishes information on children of prisoners, parenting programs for prisoners, prison visiting, incarcerated fathers, hospitality programs and a variety of other topics, sponsors conferences, liaises with other agencies, presents, and consults.

- Family Services of Western Pennsylvania  
3230 William Pitt Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
Telephone: (412) 820-2050  
Fax: (412) 820-2060  
Web Address: [www.fswp.org](http://www.fswp.org)  
Area Served: Western Pennsylvania

Provides low-cost transportation for prison visitors, video visiting, case management, support groups, reentry assistance, counseling, and family therapy.

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- Girl Scouts of America (Girl Scouts Beyond Bars)

Instituted in 1992 through a partnership with the National Institute of Justice, Girl Scouts Beyond Bars (GSBB) provides girls an opportunity to visit their incarcerated mothers weekly to monthly and take part in mother/daughter Girl Scout troop meetings. Through GSBB, mothers lead troop meetings and develop skills in leadership, conflict resolution and parenting, all of which are critical to their success in family life and employment after their release. In addition, girls and their mothers often have facilitated discussions about family life, violence and drug abuse prevention. A recently developed component of GSBB provides programming to mothers in pre-release and post-release transitional facilities.

Pennsylvania extensions for the GSSB may be found at [http://www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder/gsbb\\_list.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder/gsbb_list.asp).

- Lydia's Place, Inc.  
710 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2100  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Telephone: (412) 391-1013  
Fax: (412) 391-1082  
Web Address: <http://www.lydiasplace.org/>

Provides gifts, group activities, and support groups for children. Provides mothers and families with parent education, family reunification support, support groups, counseling, family outings, information, referrals, and religious ministry.

- National Fatherhood Initiative  
101 Lake Forest Boulevard  
Suite 360  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
Telephone: (301) 948-0599  
Fax: (301) 948-4325  
Web Address: <http://www.fatherhood.org/>

The National Fatherhood Initiative was created to ensure that every child has what they need to succeed: the love and support of an involved, responsible and committed father. To accomplish this they offer training and technical assistance on parent education for incarcerated fathers. On their site, they also provide extensive fatherhood resources and publications.

- National Institute of Corrections  
Contact Information: <http://www.nicic.org/Features/Contact/>  
Web Address: <http://www.nicic.org/>

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons. It provides training, technical assistance, information services, and policy/program development assistance to federal, state, and local corrections agencies. Via the organization's library - <http://www.nicic.org/Features/Library/>, the site also offers a great deal of free information concerning working with incarcerated parents, their families, and the corrections institutions that house incarcerated parents. The site also offers a virtual helpdesk that allows registered users (free to sign up) to ask corrections-related questions.

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- Pennsylvania Department of Corrections:  
2520 Lisburn Road  
P.O. Box 598  
Camp Hill, PA 17001-0598  
Telephone: (717) 975-4859  
Web Address: <http://www.cor.state.pa.us/>

The PA DOC site offers a host of state corrections facility-related and other information. On it, you can find DOC policies, incarcerated parent accounts, email addresses, as well as an [incarcerated parent locator](#), locations of state DOC facilities, resources available in the various counties (DOC and non-DOC-related), programs available through the DOC, victim's service and rights information, research and statistics, as well as other information.

- Pennsylvania Prison Society  
Web Address: <http://www.prisonersociety.org/about/index.shtml>

The Pennsylvania Prison Society provides parenting skills education classes, restorative justice resources, informational services for women, and support to elder prisoners in state and county correctional facilities. Community programming includes support groups for children with incarcerated parents and re-entry programs for ex-offenders. Lectures, forums for public deliberation, and written publications help educate and inform the public about criminal justice issues. Through video conferencing and affordable transportation to prisons, the Prison Society helps families stay connected during periods of incarceration.

- Philadelphia Society for Services to Children (PSSC)  
415 South 15th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
Telephone: (215) 875-3400  
Fax: (215) 875-3411  
Web Address: [www.psscckids.org](http://www.psscckids.org)  
Area Served: Philadelphia County

Via the Kids n' Kin program, PSSC provides home visitor support and workshops to caregivers, family therapy, legal assistance, support groups for children and provides clients with transportation for prison visits.

- Riverside Correctional Facility  
P. O. Box 6230  
8151 State Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19136  
Telephone: (215) 685-8146  
Fax: (215) 685-8144  
Web Address: [http://www.phila.gov/prisons/riverside\\_correctional\\_facility.htm](http://www.phila.gov/prisons/riverside_correctional_facility.htm)  
Area Served: Philadelphia County Jail for Women

Provides gifts for children, enhanced visiting environment, case management, support for communication between prison and home, counseling, reentry support, self-help support group, and information and referrals.