

Reasons Given for Not Engaging the Incarcerated Parent

I have too many cases and not enough time.

I'm not trained how to engage an incarcerated parent or those in the prison system.

If they couldn't do it before, they can't do it now.

Source: Adapted from Sonenstein F. et. al., (August 2002) *Study of fathers' involvement in permanency planning and child welfare casework*. The Urban Institute.

It will just upset the child to see her/his parent in prison.

There's a reason the parent's there. Good parents don't go to prison.

The parent should have thought of his/her kids before they committed the crime.

Prisons are scary, dangerous places for children.

Source: Adapted from Brooks, S. (Spring 2008) *Reaching out: Current issues in child welfare practice in rural communities*. Northern California Training Academy, The Center for Human Services, UC Davis Extension.