

National Resource Center on Children & Families of the Family and Incarcerated Corrections Network

2008 Year-End Review and Looking Forward to 2009

FCN Membership Changes

FCN/NRCCFI is no longer a membership organization.

Over the next few months, we will be “under construction” as we move from a paid membership structure to a Resource Center. The new structure, among others, offers:

- A new marquee website that will serve as a resource to the field;
- Services that are grant funded and free to the public;
- Fee based services for trainings & technical assistance;
- Subscriptions to publications such as the FCN Report.

We will resume publishing the FCN report and conducting telephone trainings in Spring 2009.

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“This website will be the gateway to everything relevant, cutting edge and timely for persons interested in improving the lives and conditions of children and families impacted by the criminal justice system.”

Carol F. Burton
Chair

FCN/NRCCFI Board of Directors

New FCN/NRCCFI Website promises to make an impact in the field

Thanks to a generous grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, FCN will launch a new website in 2009. This site will feature more data & resources and online access to publications and training registration. This is a sampling of the many new features of the website.

Translated Libraries

The online Children of Prisoners Library will be posted in Spanish.

Updated Directory of Programs

A searchable database of programs from around the country. In January 2009 we'll send affiliates an email to update your listing in our Directory of Programs.

Spotlight on Programs and Research

Each month a different Program and new Research will be featured, along with quotes and contact information.

If you would like to suggest a program, publication or research to spotlight, please send the name, description and contact information to fcn@fcnnetwork.org. Please note that final listings are at the sole discretion of FCN.

BILL OF RIGHTS PROJECT CONCLUDED

Open Society Institute U.S. Senior Justice Fellow Dee Ann Newell has completed the technical assistance project to bring the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents' *Bill of Rights for Children of the Incarcerated* document, published in 2003, into reality.

Fourteen partnering groups, representing thirteen states, were chosen from a national pool of applicants to participate in this project. Each group selected one or two of the eight rights from the *Bill of Rights Rights for Children of the Incarcerated*, created action plans for the implementation of each right and initiated actions towards these plans. The achievements of these groups included arrest protocols, a family-focused guide to the criminal justice system, school-based trainings, guardianship subsidy efforts, proposals to place four of the rights into a state's annotated code and legislation to permit grandparents to be notified and intervene in a dependency/neglect case.

teen groups are continuing their Bill of Rights work, remaining together as The National Bill of Rights for CIP Policy Partnership, serving as a united advocacy group while investigating research needs, practice improvements, resource development, and policy initiatives.

The OSI project was hosted by the Family and Corrections Network, with mentoring support from Ann Adalist-Estrin of FCN, Nell Bernstein, author, and Susan Phillips, professor and researcher of the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

For more information, contact Dee Ann Newell at borpartnership@yahoo.com

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New Training Resources

FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED

FROM FCN

VIDEO

Shadows: Children, Families and the Legacy of Incarceration

A new film by Tova: Artistic Project for Social Change

A film version of the performances of Holding Up: A New Prison Legacy.

This is a powerful training film, bringing the voices and realities of the children with incarcerated parents, their caregivers and their incarcerated parents out of the shadows of anger and pain and into the light of healing and forgiveness.

Materials: film and study guide, \$50

ONE DAY TRAINING

Children of the Incarcerated in the Classroom – Issues and Strategies for Teachers and School Counselors

Children of incarcerated parents are in every school district in America. Sometimes they are known to the teachers and counselors; often they are not. This training provides school counselors and teachers with information and activities designed to increase their capacity to respond to the needs of children of the incarcerated in classroom and school counseling settings.

For more information or to order an FCN resource, please email fcn@fcnnetwork.org

FROM THE FIELD

FILM

Family Ties

A candid conversation with fathers in jail and after release. The film presents the importance of family and the pain of separation -- told through the words of 7 men, their families, and the Warden of the Allegheny County (PA) Jail. Produced by award-winning filmmaker Peter Argentine and Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation.

Running time: 16 min.:38 seconds.

www.PittsburghChildGuidanceFoundation.org

VIDEO TOOLKIT

Families Embraced

A video based toolkit for communities of faith to strengthen their ministries for children and families of the incarcerated.

Sponsored by Prison Fellowship Ministries- Angel Tree

To order, call: 800 55 ANGEL

FCN Reports

2009-10

Proposed Issues.

Subscription Information will be Available in Spring 2009

Portraying Reality: The Media and Children and Families of the Incarcerated

Research: What are We Looking to Know?

Parenting from Prison: A New Look at Parenting Programs for Incarcerated Parents

RACE: The Impact of Race on the Children & the Families of the Incarcerated and the Programs that Serve Them

Telephone Trainings

2009-10

Systems that Impact the Lives of Children and Families of the Incarcerated

Four New Trainings, Spring/Fall 2009

Children of Incarcerated in the Classroom: Issues and Strategies for Teachers and School Counselors

Families and Corrections: Implications for Policies and Practice

Children of Incarcerated Parents in the Child Welfare System: What Do We Know and How Should We Respond

Responding to the Needs of Children and Families of the Incarcerated in Health and Mental Health Settings

News from the Field

CONGRATULATIONS to Carolyn LeCroy on her CNN Hero Award

In recognition of her outstanding work, Carolyn LeCroy, founder of The Messages Project, received a CNN Hero award. After making parole in 1996, Carolyn LeCroy used her background as a film and video producer to start The Messages Project. In December 1999, she and volunteer camera crews were granted admission to Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women in Troy, Virginia. There, they recorded video messages with mothers to be mailed to their children and families as Christmas gifts. Since then, The Messages Project has worked in six state prisons at least three times a year. Read the entire article at <http://www.cnn.com/2008/LIVING/06/12/heroes.lecroy>
The Messages Project: <http://www.themessageproject.org>

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