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## NRFC Webinar Series

### *Supporting Fathers and Families Impacted by Incarceration (January 25, 2017)*

#### Helpful Resources

##### Resources for Practitioners and Families

- *Working with Incarcerated and Reentry Fathers* (forthcoming), will be a new section of the NRFC's [Responsible Fatherhood Toolkit: Resources From the Field](#).
- [Parents Behind Bars: What Happens to Their Children?](#) (October 2015), David Murphey and P. Mae Cooper, Child Trends.
- The [National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated](#) (formerly the Family and Corrections Network) has a wide range of resources pertaining to incarcerated parents and their families, including:
  - [Children of Incarcerated Parents Library](#) (free downloadable pamphlets for parents, caregivers and professionals -- in English and Spanish).
  - [Books for parents, caregivers and professionals to read with children of the incarcerated](#).
  - [Homecoming: Children's Adjustment to Parent's Parole](#) (2003), Ann Adalist-Estrin.
  - [Parental Incarceration and Child Wellbeing: An Annotated Bibliography](#) (2014), Christopher Wildeman.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) provides various reports on [Incarceration and Reentry](#), including:
  - [The Implementation of Family Strengthening Programs for Families Affected by Incarceration](#) (2015)
  - [Five Years Later: Final Implementation Lessons from the Evaluation of Responsible Fatherhood, Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated and Reentering Fathers and Their Partners](#) (2013)
  - [Parenting from Prison: Innovative Programs to Support Incarcerated and Reentering Fathers](#) (2010).
- [Prisoners and Families: Parenting Issues During Incarceration](#) (2001) by Creasia Finney Hairston was one of several papers commissioned by the "[From Prison to Home](#)" project, which supported research on the effect of incarceration and reentry on children, families, and communities.
- [Working with Incarcerated and Released Parents: Lessons from OCSE Grants and State Programs](#) (2006), a resource guide from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- The Annie E. Casey Foundation published [A Shared Sentence: The Devastating Toll of Parental Incarceration on Kids, Families and Communities](#) (April 2016) and [Balancing Justice with Mercy: An Interfaith Guide for Creating Healing Communities](#) (2008).
- [Intergenerational Educational Effects of Mass Imprisonment in America](#). John Hagan and Holly Foster (2010).

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- [Workforce Strengthening: Helping Your Company Do More For Less](#), published by the RIDGE Project, is a brochure distributed to employers in Ohio to explain the benefits of hiring program graduates.
- [Parental Incarceration and the Family: Psychological and Social Effects of Imprisonment on Children, Parents, and Caregivers](#). Joyce A. Arditti (2012).
- Turanovic, J. J., Rodriguez, N., & Pratt, T. C. (2012). [The collateral consequences of incarceration revisited: A qualitative analysis of the effects on caregivers of children of incarcerated parents](#). *Criminology*, 50(4), 913-959.

### **Resources for Reentry**

- The National Fatherhood Initiative's [Engaging Fathers for Successful Reentry](#) addresses eight major reentry challenges: housing, employment, marriage and relationships, substance abuse, mentoring and community support, child support, involving moms, and domestic violence.
- The Urban Institute has several reports on this topic, including:
  - [Early Implementation Findings from Responsible Fatherhood Reentry Projects: OPRE Report # 2014-68](#) (2015).
  - [Families and Reentry: Unpacking How Social Support Matters](#) (2012).
  - [Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry](#) (2006).
- [Effective Strategies for Working with Fathers Returning from Prison](#), a 2012 NRFC webinar, presented research findings from a review of prisoner reentry programs and discussed effective strategies and lessons learned from programs working with fathers returning from prison.
- [The Front Line: Building Programs that Recognize Families' Role in Reentry](#), by Mike Bobbitt and Marta Nelson (2004), from the [Vera Institute of Justice's Issues in Brief](#) series, explores how family involvement in reentry may lead to more successful transitions from prison and better recidivism results.
- The Federal Interagency Reentry Council's [Reentry MythBusters](#) fact sheets are designed to clarify existing federal policies that affect formerly incarcerated individuals and their families in areas such as public housing, child support, access to benefits, parental rights, employer incentives, and Medicaid.
- The [Federal Bonding Program](#), established in 1966 by the U.S. Department of Labor, provides Fidelity Bonds that guarantee honesty for at-risk, hard-to-place job seekers and cover the first 6 months of employment at no cost to the job applicant or employer.
- The [Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#) provides \$1,200 to \$9,600 in tax credits for employers who hire economically disadvantaged individuals who have been convicted of a felony and were either convicted or released from prison within a year of hire.
- [Forget "ban the box" and give ex-prisoners employability certificates](#). An op-ed from the Brookings Institute (December 5, 2016) with information on new research about the use of employability certificates provided by local courts.



**Curricula** (For more information on these and other curricula, see [NRFC's Compendium of Curricula Used by Fatherhood Programs.](#))

- [InsideOut Dad](#)<sup>®</sup>, from the [National Fatherhood Initiative](#), is designed to help incarcerated fathers successfully reintegrate back into their families.
- The RIDGE Project's [TYRO Suite](#) includes programs and resources designed for work with incarcerated and recently released fathers.
- The [Parenting Inside Out](#)<sup>®</sup> program (2006) is a parenting skills training program developed by [Pathfinders of Oregon](#), with versions for incarcerated fathers and fathers on parole or probation.
- [Fathers in Prison: Parent Education Resource Manual](#), by Patricia W. Lockett and Creasie Finney Hairston (1991), is a parent education course for fathers in prison.
- [Moral Reconation Therapy](#), developed by Gregory Little and Kenneth Robinson (1985), is a cognitive-behavioral program for substance abuse treatment and criminal justice offenders.