

**MDOC FAMILIAL
RELATIONSHIPS
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**

WELCOME

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- .Missouri Eastern Correctional**
- .Started in Department of Corrections 2004**
- .Case Manager since 2008**
- .4H Life Liaison since MECC inception 2011**
- .4-H Lifetime Member / Leader/ Parent/ G-Ma**

PAST

HISTORY OF FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

- 1919, Katie Richards O'Hare began serving a federal sentence at the Missouri Penitentiary
- gave a speech in Bowman, North Dakota
- convicted of espionage and sentenced to prison
- prohibited from communicating with her husband and four children

Mr. & Mrs. O'Hare & family



MO RE-ENTRY PROCESS

- Each year approximately 20,000 inmates are released back into the community
- Missouri Reentry Process (MRP) is designed to prepare offenders to be successful, productive, taxpaying citizens upon their release from prison
- Offender challenges that inhibit success, substance abuse issues, lack of family support, mental health issues, medical issues, no housing, and many more

PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS

- IMPACT OF CRIME ON VICTIMS
- STORYLINK
- PUPPIES FOR PAROLE
- INSIDE OUT DADS
- PATHWAYS TO CHANGE
- 4-H LIFE

IMPACT OF CRIME ON VICTIMS

.designed to teach offenders about the human consequences of crime

.key element of the classes is the direct involvement of victims and victim service providers

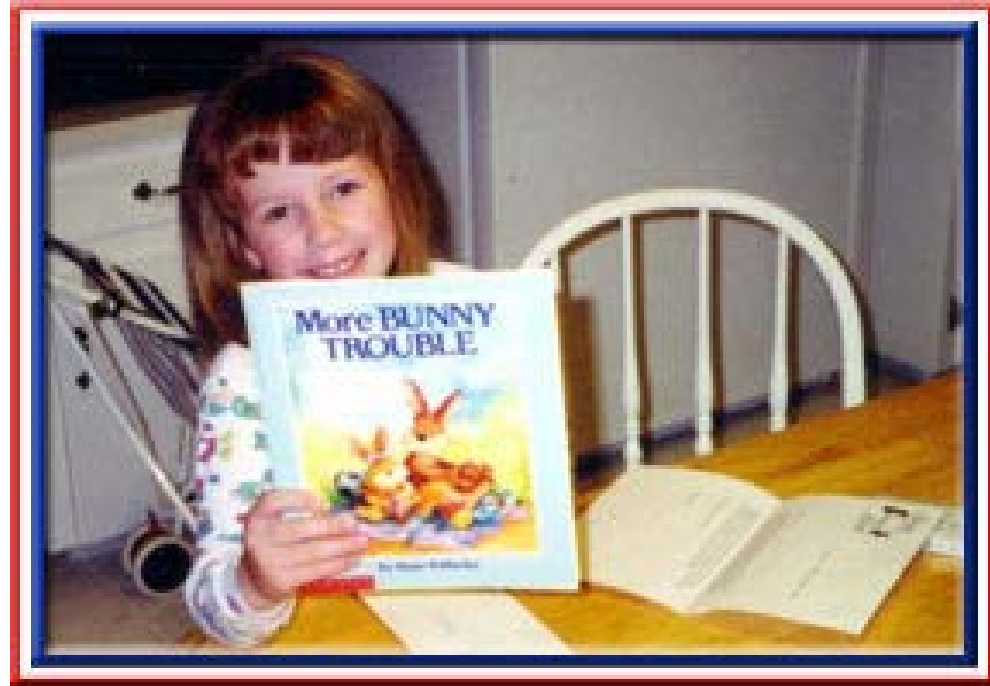
•Offenders have the opportunity to change their thinking and their behavior

•Offenders have an obligation to make amends to their victims, directly and indirectly

- .1.Getting Started
- .2.Introduction to Victim Impact
- .3.Property Crime
- .4.Assault
- .5.Robbery
- .6.Hate and Bias Crime
- .7.Gang Crime
- .8.Sexual Assault
- .9.Child Abuse and Neglect
- .10.Domestic Violence
- .11.Drunk and Impaired Driving
- .12.Homicide
- .13.Making Amends

What is Story Link Program?

- Story Link® Program is designed to strengthen the bonds between inmates and their children
- They then read the book and say a short message to their child on a cassette tape
- send the tape and book to the child at no cost to the offender or their family.



PUPPIES FOR PAROLE

- Selected offenders have the opportunity to become trainers to rescue dogs
- Offenders learn selflessness through care
- Inmates, dogs help heal one another
- for some of them this is the first sense of success they've ever experienced



Missouri | Puppies for Parole

·program run by the state department of corrections that uses offenders to care for and provide obedience training to dogs which are otherwise slated to be euthanized in animal shelters..

·The training makes it likelier the dogs will be adopted. The inmates learn compassion and responsibility by caring for the dogs.

·more than 750 dogs since the program began in 2010,

INSIDE OUT DADS

A Reentry Program for Incarcerated Fathers

- Course developed for incarcerated fathers.
- adapted to accommodate those dads re-entering their communities on parole
- Forum to discuss emotional barriers such as shame, guilt and detachment between them and their children
- Positive emotional substitutes are offered such as words of encouragement, acts of kindness, sensitivity and empathy

INSIDE OUT DADS CONTINUES OFFERING RE-ENTRY SUPPORT



YOUNG MEN
AND THE POWER
WITHIN



Book it
today for
Fall 2013!

PATHWAYS TO CHANGE

- utilized by the Missouri Department of Corrections.
- Research shows that building cognitive skills is the most effective intervention technique
- Facilitates responsible decision making, examination of values and attitudes, successful relationships, identifying and correcting thinking errors

PATHWAYS TO CHANGE



The journey of a
thousand miles begins
with one step.

Lao Tzu

4-H LIFE

- STARTED AT POTOSI CORRECTIONAL CENTER
- EMPLOYEE OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION CENTER FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
- PARENT OF CHILDREN OF AN INCARCERATED PARENT
- RECOGNIZED NEED FOR REAL FAMILY BONDING IN THE CORRECTIONAL SETTING
- TOOK THE 4H PROGRAM TO PCC

GOAL

- The goal of the 4-H LIFE program is to provide a strong, healthy, and nurturing family environment while helping the incarcerated parent become a positive role model.



Program Components

- The target audience for the program is incarcerated parents and their:
 - Children
 - Grandchildren
 - Other family members
- The program consists of three components:

LEARNING PHASE

•Planning Meeting

•At monthly planning meetings, incarcerated parents work with MU Extension faculty and Department of Corrections staff to help design and plan the 4-H youth and family activities for the next 4-H family/club

•Parenting Skills Class

•Incarcerated parents who participate in the 4-H LIFE program attend regularly scheduled parenting skills classes to develop and improve the skills needed to interact in a positive, age appropriate way



-Time away while incarcerated limits growth most parents would experience with daily contact.



LEARNING TO LEAD

.With a little help...

4-H LIFE FAMILY CLUB MEETING

- .ADDITIONAL VISITATION - FORMATTED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE 4H PARTICIPANTS**
- .HONOR STATUS REQUIREMENT FOR OFFENDER**
- .GUARDIAN OF CHILD PRESENT AND FULL CONSENT OBTAINED**
- .PARLIMENTARY MEETING**
- .ACTIVITIES PLANNED DURING PREVIOUS PLANNING MEETING**

BENEFITS

.. Working together as a family on 4-H activities gives children an opportunity to show their parents their abilities and intellect.

.Team Effort...



EYE TO EYE

- Gives the parents an opportunity to show their children that they can provide capable and caring parental guidance.

.Regaining Trust...





**UTILIZING WHAT
THEY LEARN...**

CHILDREN'S BENEFITS

.AT THE INSTITUTION

- .CHILD-FRIENDLY SETTING
- .INTERACTIVE
- .LEARNING LIFE'S LESSONS IN A CONTROLLED ENVIROMENT
- .PRACTICING LEADERSHIP AND

.AT HOME

- .COMMUNICATION TOOL
- .SHOW AND TELL INCLUDING THE INCARCERATED PARENT
- .ENJOY ALL THE TRADITIONAL 4-H PRIVELEGES, TRIPS

I CAN DO THIS.....



TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU

- POSSESS PARENTING SKILLS THAT INVOKE NEEDS OF CONTINUING IN A POSITIVE MANNER
- CONNECTION AND LEADERSHIP CAN CARRY TO THE HOME PLAN
- NETWORKS FORMED WITH AT-HOME PROGRAM ASSIST
- EXTENSION LEARNING EXPERIENCES CONTINUE

SUPPORT SYSTEM



RE-ENTRY

.AT FACILITY

- .EXCELLENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP
- .PROGRAMMING REQUIRED: INSIDE OUT DADS, PATHWAYS TO CHANGE, IMPACT OF CRIME ON VICTIMS

.AT HOME

- .SUCCESSFUL PAROLE THROUGH PROGRAMMING
- .CONTINUED PARTICIPATION INCLUDING VOLUNTEER WORK WITHIN THE PROGRAM

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

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•Prepared for: Children's Trust Fund and University of Missouri (MU) Extension

1. Programs for children of offenders

•(Before 35%, After 91%)

2. Programs for caregivers raising children of offenders

•(Before 31%, After 71%)

3. Needs of children of offenders

•(Before 62%, After 98%)

FUTURE ?

BRAINSTORMING TIME

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

WHAT WORKS FOR YOU????