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ENGAGEMENT WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a revised motion regarding Removal of Barriers to Family Reunification, directing Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in collaboration with LA County Sherriff's Department, to report back on:

- Data regarding incarcerated parents involved in both systems
- Available services and gaps in services for incarcerated parents
- Exploration & collaboration with community-based organizations to provide services, programs and resources for shared parents.

As a result to the motion, DCFS and LASD formed a collaborative workgroup to improve (or align) services to parents involved in both systems. The purpose of this FYI is to inform staff on the availability of resources and services available to incarcerated parents. The information in this FYI is organized under the following categories:

1. Training Resources
2. Policy
3. Locating Incarcerated Parents
4. Services offered by facilities for Parents while incarcerated
5. Services connected to DCFS for Parents while incarcerated

1. DCFS Training Resources:

DCFS created multiple training videos to strengthen the engagement, delivery service, and practice of working with incarcerated parents. Please see the list of available training videos and their links below:

- [Incarcerated Parents: Dependency Process](#)
- [Barriers to Reunification for Incarcerated Parents](#)
- [Reasonable Services for Incarcerated Parents](#)
- [Family Time for Incarcerated Parents](#)

2. DCFS Policies:

Below is a list and links to DCFS policies related to incarcerated parents that can be found in LAKids under the DCFS Policy Institute Website:

Policy	Description
Incarcerated Parents/Dependent Minors Removal/In-custody Transportation Requests - 0300-306.45	This policy guide provides instruction on how to ensure that parents are present at permanency hearings or that they waive their right to appear.



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Selecting and/or Arranging for Appropriate Services for Incarcerated, Institutionalized, Detained or Deported Parents - 0080-506.16	This policy guide specifies the requirements and procedures for family reunification services for parents who are incarcerated, institutionalized, detained, or deported.	
Family Time - 0400-504.00	This policy, previously known as Family Visitation, addresses family time between children, parents, siblings, and other significant relatives and individuals. It ensures all family time tools protocols, and strategies are easily accessible when planning meaningful family time. Family time is currently still referred to as visitation in the statutes, case law, and court orders.	
Notice Requirements for Alleged Fathers - 0300-306.20	This policy guide provides instructions on how to provide notice to any man who is alleged to be the father of a child under the jurisdiction of the Dependency Court.	
Case Plans - 0080-502.10	This policy provides an overview of the process for creating an Initial Case Plan and a Case Plan update	
Noticing Process for Juvenile Court Proceedings - 0300-306.05	This policy guide provides procedures on how to properly notice all appropriate parties for court hearings.	

3. How to Locate an Incarcerated Parent:

Facility	Contact Information:
LA County Jail	Los Angeles Sherriff's Department Portal Home - Inmate Information Center
CA State Prison	Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (916) 445-6713 California Incarcerated Records & Information Search (CIRIS) - CDCR
Federal Custody	United States Bureau of Prisons (202) 307-3198 Inmate Locator

4. How to Access Services While in Custody:

An incarcerated parent has a right to participate in the case plan and complete services, unless deemed otherwise by Dependency Court. The facilities may offer various services for the incarcerated parent. The list of resources and contact information are being provided to assist staff in meeting court orders to determine what services are available in a parent's place of incarceration as available programming varies.



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Facility	Contact Information:
LA County Jail	Education Based Incarceration (EBI) Bureau: Call (323) 526-5380 for information on educational, vocational, and life-skills programs. Inmate Services Bureau / Inmate Programs Unit: Call (213) 893-5242 for general program inquiries. CRDF: BEAR program through Gender Responsive Services Unit: (323) 568-4500 .
CA State Prison	In Prison Programs Available by Location
Federal Custody	BOP: Inmate Custody and Care

If a parent is already participating in services in a LA County Jail facility and you would like to receive their progress in the program, you can submit a request via email to the respective facility by identifying the parent: parent name, booking # and DOB.

Facility	Contact Information
Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF)	parentservicesCRDF@lasd.org
Men's Central Jail; Twin Towers; Pitchess Detention Center North/South Facility; and North County Correctional Facility	parentservices@lasd.org

5. DCFS IPP and PIP Programs:

Program:	Contact Information:
Incarcerated Parent Program (IPP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPP coordinates and facilitates monitored visitation and provides case management services for Los Angeles County incarcerated parents receiving Family Reunification (FR) Services from (DCFS). • IPP services are currently available for incarcerated housed at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) in Lynwood, CA. and Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles, CA. • Referral : Exhibit #A-6 • Contact: ipp@dcfs.lacounty.gov



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Parents in Partnership (PIP)	DCFS PIPs have successfully navigated DCFS and now work to support, provide information, and mentorship to parents who have temporarily or permanently lost custody of their children. PIPs also provide parent advocacy services such as lobby outreach, parent orientations, parent support groups, and Child and Family Team support. PIPs work in collaboration with LASD to provide support inside the jail facilities. PIPs conduct a DCFS Orientation twice a month at CRDF. Website Information: Parents in Partnership Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
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If you have any questions regarding this release, please email your question to:
Policy@dcfs.lacounty.gov