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*To prevent the cycle of intergenerational crime through a comprehensive network of programs, resources, research and advocacy.*

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM NACIP!

Happy holidays to all of you from all of us! It has been a very busy but wonderful year here at NACIP, filled with many changes.

We feel very privileged that NACIP was asked to join with the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS)! NPJS, founded in 2004, is a union of five organizations, each serving different disciplines of the juvenile justice continuum. The Partnership includes the following organizations:

- The Council for Educators of At-Risk and Delinquent Youth (CEARDY)
- The National Association for Juvenile Correctional Agencies (NAJCA)
- The National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA)
- The Juvenile Justice Trainers Association (JJTA)
- The National Association of Children of Incarcerated Parents (NACIP)

NACIP is truly fortunate to be part of such a wide-reaching and

impactful association. As an association member, we will have access to a variety of organizations with expertise and knowledge in all aspects of the juvenile justice field.

On October 11-13, 2009, NACIP participated in the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) 15th National Symposium on Juvenile Services in Indianapolis, Indiana. Given the economic hardships many organizations are now facing, we were pleasantly surprised to have our largest turnout yet, with over four hundred fifty attendees!!

Workshops addressed topics such as juvenile detention and corrections; education of youth in confinement; community-based and residential care; presentation skills and training techniques; critical issues; mental health issues in juvenile justice; and health care issues in managing juvenile populations.

However, it wasn't all work!! It also offered us a chance to get to know other professionals from around the country and discuss how we can work together to bring about positive

changes in the juvenile services field.

As we head into 2010, we hope to continue to serve the needs of children and families of the incarcerated, and plan to participate in several special events throughout the year. Please save the following dates on your calendar:

- **January 22nd-27th:** ACA 2010 Winter Conference in Tampa, Florida
- **May 3rd-5th:** JJET Conference in Lexington, Kentucky
- **May 6th:** 3rd Annual NACIP Symposium in Lexington, Kentucky
- **October 10th-13th:** NPJS Conference in San Antonio, Texas

*Wishing you a joyous holiday and the best New Year!*

*Warmest Regards,  
Lisa Hutchinson and  
Paulette Pfeiffer*



## Silent Victims of Crime Program Updates

- Silent Victims of Crime has a new mission statement: "To end the intergenerational cycle of incarceration by leading youth to be college bound, not jail bound."
- We would like to say goodbye to our Marketing Director, Heather Thompson. She will be leaving us to pursue new opportunities and will be dearly missed! We wish her the best of luck and know that she will reach her highest goals, in both business and life.

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## NACIP Establishes Scholarship Fund

The National Association for Children of Incarcerated Parents (NACIP), in conjunction with the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) and Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAK), is establishing a scholarship fund to aid and assist Kentucky youth whose parents are incarcerated.

This scholarship fund is being developed to further enhance the educational careers and provide additional opportunities for children of incarcerated parents to succeed in life and break the cycle of intergenerational crime.

It is estimated that over 2 million children across the United States currently have a parent(s) that is in jail, prison or under some form of correctional supervision. In addition, it has been well documented that these youth are 7 times more likely than their peers to commit delinquent or criminal acts and follow in the footsteps of the offending parent. The goal of NACIP and other organizations across Kentucky and our nation is to see that these youth are "College-bound.....NOT Jail-bound".

The Children of Incarcerated Parents Scholarship Fund will allow youth, over the age of 18, who have successfully completed a high school diploma or GED Program, to apply for monies to assist them with tuition expenses to attend colleges, universities, technical or vocational schools, or any approved post-secondary educational program. It is anticipated that all scholarship awards will be sent directly to the institution to which the student has been admitted to attend – not directly to the student.

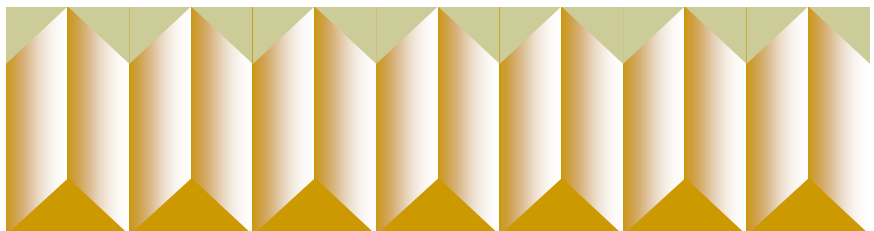
This scholarship fund will be maintained by the National Partnership for Juvenile Services. NPJS is a 501c3 organization and is able to accept tax-deductible donations on behalf of this scholarship fund.

Our hope is that the Kentucky Department of Corrections staff, administrators and inmates as well as individuals, civic organizations, and foundations across the Commonwealth, will elect to contribute to this fund and therefore help in the successful educational careers of youth with incarcerated parents.

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Initially, this program will be available to Kentucky youth that attend Kentucky-based educational institutions. As this scholarship program becomes more fully developed, it is expected that the program could be expanded nationally and become a model for other state correctional systems to join as well.

- Information supplied by the National Association of Children of Incarcerated Parents.



## Program Updates from C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center in Louisiana

The past year has been an busy one at the C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center! In January of 2009, Jolene Constance, Assistant Warden, was awarded the Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Award by the Louisiana Civil Service League - the top award for Civil Service employees of Louisiana.

In March of 2009, Constance was named a Jenny Jones Hero by former talk show host Jenny Jones and received \$7000 for the Men Read Program. The grant was used to purchase children's books, which were integrated into our family literacy program. The program has been giving out an average of over 10,000 books per year for the past 3 years to family members visiting their loved ones in prison and in the Head Start programs at two local elementary schools.

In addition to expanding its literacy book program, PPC has been busy improving its therapeutic classes for offenders to help prepare them for release.

Through grants from the Southwest Louisiana Arts and Humanities Council and the generosity of volunteer teachers, the Center has been offering guitar lessons and art classes for their male inmates, and recently began an art/music/technology class in October.

The Correctional Center previously had a Read To Me Daddy Program sponsored by Refined By Fire Ministries, which allowed the Center to video tape male inmates reading books to their children. The books and DVD's were then sent to the children of offenders who had not visited in over a year and who would be discharged within the coming year.

It was a very successful program, but the Center recently had to end the project because the granting source moved their programming to closer jail facilities. JCC



Jolene Constance with books purchased by the Jenny Jones Grant.

would love to receive funding to purchase its own camera and continue this program because it works, the offenders love it, and they are definitely building bridges between these offenders and the children that they are estranged from to due to financial and logistical barriers.

- Information supplied by Jolene Constance, Assistant Warden, C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center, E-mail: [jconstan@corrections.state.la.us](mailto:jconstan@corrections.state.la.us)

## 8th Partner Convening of NY Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents Held

The 8th Partner Convening of the New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents recently took place on Friday, October 2nd at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

The Initiative is dedicated to raising awareness, promoting systems change, and building partnerships to ensure that children's rights are upheld, their important relationships maintained, and their promise nurtured during a parent's criminal justice involvement.

Some of the items discussed at the 8th Partner Convening include:

- Efforts in Brooklyn regarding child sensitive arrest protocols for Brooklyn police officers.
- Providing resources to families through NYC's toll free information hotline.
- Collecting information about arrestees' children.
- The Osborne Association's tele-visiting efforts in part-

nership with the Department of Correctional Services.

Tele-visiting is not designed to substitute for actual visits, but to supplement face-to-face visits and allow for contact when visits cannot happen.

- EMTC Children's Center EMTC (the city-sentenced jail for men) is getting close to opening their Children's Center, which is currently under construction.

*Please save the date:  
The next Partner  
Convening will take  
place on Friday,  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 2010, at  
10am.*

- Information supplied by the New York Initiative Osborne Association, [www.osborneny.org](http://www.osborneny.org). Family Support Hotline: 1-800-344-3314.

## Hour Children Program Updates

Hour Children is pleased to announce its award of the Second Change Act Grant for Mentoring Women, beginning October 1st at Taconic Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, New York. The mentoring program for women will also be facilitated at Bayview Correctional Facility in New York City. The full-time Director officially began on November 9th. More on this program will be provided at a later date.

The nursery at Taconic Correctional Facility will have three mothers and their babies relocated to Hour Children residences in Queens. The babies will begin their daycare with Hour Children imme-

diately after arriving at the residences.

Hour Children conducted the first ever re-entry fair in a New York state facility last March. The Second Reentry Resource Fair at Taconic was held on November 19th. This year's fair was an in-house event, with resource packets provided to all the Taconic counselors who met with women on the day of the event.

Finally, Hour Children is working with women from Upstate Beacon Correctional Facility to provide post-release housing. Laurie Perry is the newest resi-



Hour Children Residential Facilities

dent from Beacon. Laurie will be relocating to Ohio after she completes her post-release requirements.

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## National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated Launches New Website

The Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice indicates more than 2.4 million children have a parent in state or federal prisons. With this burgeoning number of children affected by parental incarceration, the National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated announces the timely launch of their NEW Website.

*"The new website provides information for each visitor to better serve children and families with the most up-to-date, evidence-based knowledge available."*

*- Dee Ann Newell, a 2006 Open Society Institute Senior Justice Fellow.*

The National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated at Family and Correction Network has informed the public about the needs of these children and families for more than 25 years. Thanks to a generous grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the new website will become a gateway to everything relevant, cutting edge, and timely for Policy makers, media organizations, families, program providers, and researchers.

The previous website has long been a valued location for the nation to find needed information. The new website will continue this tradition with the Children of Prisoners Library and announcements of training opportunities and funding sources. Additions will

include a Policy Forum that will highlight innovative policy initiatives from cities and states across the country, along with updates on the Bill of Rights for Children of the Incarcerated movement.

Other topics will include coverage of the controversies about research in this field, descriptions of promising programs and answers to questions about this group of children that are being asked everywhere, from the halls of Capitol Hill, to MTV, to airplane magazines. The new website is designed to inspire collaborations throughout the nation that will improve the well being of children and families of the incarcerated.

"Families and professionals alike will find the resources of

the new National Resource Center's website incredibly valuable, as there is no other national organization providing this sort of help," says Brenda Olive, a grandparent caregiver of a grandson whose father is incarcerated.

"The new website provides information for each visitor to better serve children and families with the most up-to-date, evidence-based knowledge available," says Dee Ann Newell, a 2006 Open Society Institute Senior Justice Fellow.

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## Update on the Green MAZE of Anderson, South Carolina

Work continues on Silent Victims of Crime's Green Maze project, a community park and beautification effort in Anderson, South Carolina.

On April 4, 2009, the Mayor of Anderson, Terence Roberts, welcomed volunteers, including nine wardens, 12 volunteers and 3 members of the Clemson University program Call Me Mister, as they planted 150 Cyprus trees around the property.

On Saturday, June 20, 2009, 35 members of the Call Me Mister program volun-



Members of Call Me Mister working on the playground.

teered in 100° heat to help assemble the swing sets at the Green Maze – a community park in Anderson, SC. New York Warden Mel Williams also flew down to help. Silent Victims of Crime has been very fortunate to collaborate with the Mister program, whose mission is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background particularly among the State's lowest performing elementary schools. Student participants are largely selected from among under-served, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities.

On August 29, 2009, volunteers completed work on two gardens, park benches, and the monkey bars. We recently installed an awning canvas decorated by children involved in project on top of the gazebo/theater. Kara Renfro, an art student at Clemson University, helped decorate the canvas and is designing and creating a sculpture for the park.



Mel Williams, a New York Corrections employee, Winston Holton, the field Coordinator for Call Me Mister, and Neal Pfeiffer work on the maze.

Since the completion of the children's playground, two local summer camps have utilized the playground, and neighbors have reported children playing on the new equipment every evening. Clemson University has helped us to form a 4H Club with children in the neighborhood to assist in maintaining the property

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## New FCN Telephone Training Opportunities

NRCCFI at FCN offers a series of trainings-by-telephone conference calls. This is an economical way to bring training to your agency because no travel is required! Presentations are interactive and include a variety of experts on the topic, including those impacted by incarceration such as older children, caregivers or formerly incarcerated parents. Training materials are made available prior to the call.

**Next in this series: January 20, 2010, 2-3:30 PM Eastern Time**

Children of the Incarcerated in Schools and Child Care

Children of incarcerated parents are in every school district and Child Care Program in America. Sometimes they are known to the teachers, caregivers and counselors; often they are not. This training will bring together school district administrators, teachers, and counselors to dialogue with children of the incarcerated or formerly incarcerated. What do these children want teachers and school staff to know about them? What can schools do to minimize the trauma, stigma and stress of parental incarceration? What are schools and child care programs around the country doing to address these issues.

### Future Trainings-by-Telephone Training Dates: TBA

- **Spring 2010:** Responding to the Needs of Children and Families of the Incarcerated in Health and Mental Health Settings
- **Summer 2010:** Children of the Incarcerated in the Child Welfare System: What Do We Know and How Do We Respond

Information supplied by the National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated at Family and Corrections Network, <http://fcnetwork.org>

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