



Family-Based Justice Center



Greetings from the Family-Based Justice Center!

[April is Second Chance Month!](#) The [Second Chance Act \(SCA\)](#) acknowledges the challenges faced by justice-involved persons while giving them “second chances” to grow and succeed in life. The SCA is especially pertinent for reuniting and healing families, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) offers resources, readings and other materials. Read the [proclamation](#) by President Biden.

Read the Article:

The Supreme Court has ruled that pretrial detention is to be ordered only in limited cases, but its wide use continues. A [recent study](#) of data from 2009 to 2018 found that keeping people in jail before trial may harm community safety, no matter the duration.

A [recent review](#) addresses the particular needs of incarcerated women with substance use and evidence-based intervention practices, including screening and assessment, treatment strategies, and referral to services during reentry.

OJJDP Resource:

OJJDP worked with several organizations on a [video and discussion guide](#) to increase understanding and awareness of child-parent visits. These resources

are for corrections staff and others who interact with children during child-parent visits and offer trauma-informed strategies to create an environment that supports safety, healing, and growth.

Recommended for You:

A [series of three videos](#) from the Texas Center for Justice and Equity addresses the challenges of family preservation in the Texas criminal justice system. The Center's family-preservation campaign is championed by system-impacted mothers to stop the separation of families and reunite those who have been separated.

Day Brightener:



“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.”
William Shakespeare (Sonnet XCVIII)

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