



## Family-Based Justice Center

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### Greetings from the Family-Based Justice Center!

Happy Women's History Month! The National Women's History Alliance chose this year's theme, "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion," especially apt for people affected by the criminal justice system. Justice-involved women face many challenges; their voices are often marginalized and stories go unheard. This month we celebrate women working on the frontlines to ensure that justice and fairness are realities for all those impacted by the criminal justice system.

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#### Resources:

In response to advocates' requests to address the impacts of family separation due to incarceration, the Prison Policy Initiative reviewed [legislation](#) and found that twelve states and the federal prison system have taken action to reduce parental incarceration's disruptive effects.

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth released their 2024 [Children of Incarcerated Parents Toolkit](#), intended for formerly incarcerated parents reentering the community, caregivers of children whose parents are incarcerated, school counselors/teachers, childcare workers, and social workers.

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#### Funding Opportunity:

The [National Institute of Justice](#), in collaboration with OJJDP, seeks proposals to conduct an expansion or extension of longitudinal research studies that focus on delinquency and crime throughout a person's life-course.

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### Upcoming Event:

[The National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference](#) will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, on April 15–17. Hosted by the Arizona State University Center for Child Well-Being, the theme is “How Did They Do It?” and it will address parenting programs; opportunities for positive child/parent interactions during the period of incarceration; and youth voice, support, and advocacy.

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### Read the Report:

Research provides evidence about the benefits of college in prison. Students enjoy reduced recidivism and improved employment outcomes following release. [This report](#) describes the process evaluation implemented for the College-in-Prison Reentry Initiative (CIP), an initiative that expands access to postsecondary programs in prisons across New York. The process evaluation documents the implementation of the Initiative from the Fall 2017 semester through Spring 2020.

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### Recommended:

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) produces podcasts on a wide range of mental health topics. One considers the [mental and physical health effects of racism and adverse childhood experiences](#) and how people and society can address the symptoms and causes of these stressors.

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### Day Brightener:



**Life should be measured not in years, but in moments.**

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