

Recommendations to the Statewide Children and Families of Incarcerated Parents (CFIP) Advisory
Committee, Authorized by HB1422

Submitted by: CFIP Professional Development & Outreach Committee

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Recommendation 1: Outreach

Conduct a public education campaign to do the following:

- Inform the public on the impact of parental incarceration on families, particularly children;
- Create awareness of the consequences of recidivism facing CFIP and link State efforts in re-entry as to impact on CFIP outcomes;
- Train service provider on issues related to CFIP and resources and research available to support families;
- Create attachment of supporting parents who may be incarcerated and the family improvements which sustain outcomes for children;
- Focus on children and their experiences as a focal in all public awareness efforts.

Recommendation 2: Professional Development

Until further research and best practices are developed for training:

- Curriculum should be approved with the consideration that it meets the needs and perspectives of both service providers (faculty, social workers, agency staff, etc) and clients (children of offenders, offenders and caregivers);
- Curriculum and materials should be reviewed for effectiveness and outcomes on an ongoing basis;
- CFIP and/or direct service providers be central in the development and approval of such resources to insure relevance.

Recommendation 3: Outreach/Professional Development

Expand services to CFIP programs that support children and families.