

Invisible Sentence

Including Children and Families
in The Reentry Conversation

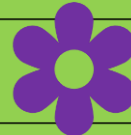
North Carolina Department of Adult Correction
Joint Reentry Council Meeting
July 2025





4 Things I Will Do (in the next week!)

- 1) Like/Follow/Share on Facebook!
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- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____



Want to share with us what you've done?
Need suggestions or materials?

Please contact us at **(919) 904-4286** or
mradcliff@coastalhorizons.org. Thanks!

Homework

- 1 Invite us to present in your community (I'll bring chocolate!)



- 2 List 3 (or more!) steps you can take to include children and families in the reentry conversation

Introductions



Based in Durham



Statewide



Coastal Horizons program

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Educate professionals (invite us!)



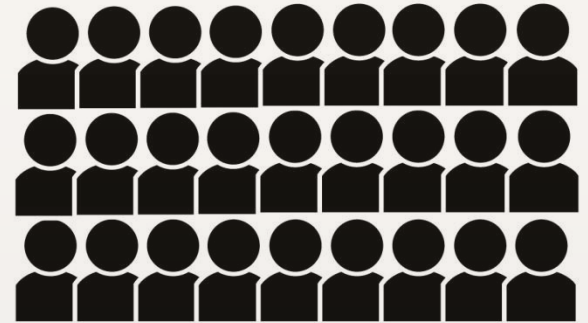
Support relationships (introduce us!)



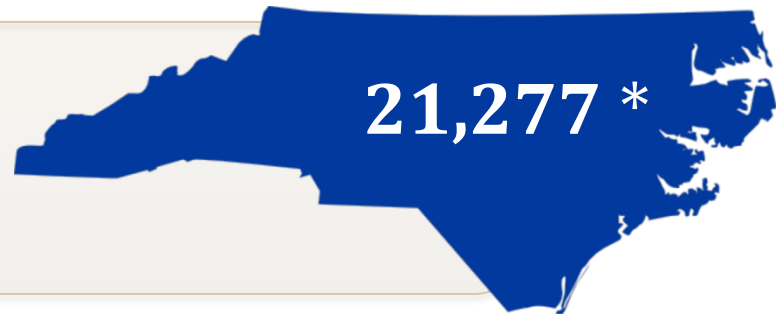
Identify and promote (ask us!)

Look At The Numbers

Nationally – 2.7 million or
1 in every 28
children has a parent in
prison or jail



In North Carolina



■ A.E. Casey report (1 in 14; 7%)



“Don’t forget
about the
family!”

Jill, 18 years old

Think About

- ☐ End of incarceration doesn't mean end of impacts
- ☐ Is anyone talking with the children?
- ☐ Has anyone asked the child about their feelings?
- ☐ What do they know?
Who told them?

Think About

- ☐ Were promises made while the parent was incarcerated? (*promises made, promises kept?*)
- ☐ Are we setting realistic expectations? What are the parent's post-release obligations?

Think About

- ☐ School, faith community, DSS, afterschool programs, others = possible support
- ☐ Are clients asked about their families/children?
- ☐ 2nd Chance employers + housing, DL work, child support

See Us, Support Us (SUSU)

SEE US, SUPPORT US MONTH

Supporting Children Affected by Parental Incarceration



This October, SUSU focuses on **ending stigma** and promoting a nurturing world where children are understood and thrive.

Join Us!





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Let's change the narrative!

#seeussupportus

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Let's Continue the Conversation!

(Who do I want to connect with about this topic?)

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