

"Preserving the Bond"

Mission: To empower youth with tools necessary to achieve and maintain a greater sense of self-worth, tolerance & productivity through healthy decision making.

Objective: Establish and maintain a community based, non-profit organization with the sole focus of assisting and empowering children with incarcerated parents to become productive members of society. Recognizing the unique challenges presented by incarceration, Family Village will utilize a multi-faceted approach within the following areas of concern: prison visitation, youth empowerment, and referral services.

I. "Staying Connected"

A service program designed to provide opportunities for children to visit their incarcerated parent.

A) Prison Visitation Services: Alternating, weekly bus/van service to pre-selected Oregon state and federal prisons for children and one caregiver chaperone.

B) Prison Transportation Grants: Monetary awards designated for travel, lodging and food for children and one caregiver chaperone to prisons outside of service area.

II. "C.H.D.Y.C.E"

Changing How Our Youth Channel Empowerment

A program designed to educate and encourage youth in various life challenge areas.

A) Youth Empowerment: Three, age appropriate, 12-week cycle curriculums for children ages 6-9, 10-13, and 14-17. Curriculums to include: cultural diversity/interpersonal communication; gang alternative; self-esteem, anger & stress management; drug & alcohol education and abuse prevention; food, nutrition and fitness awareness; HIV/AIDS & Infectious Disease awareness and prevention; domestic violence awareness and prevention; goal setting & achievement; community service.

B) Tutoring Service: Tutorial sessions in general studies for elementary, junior & high school levels.

C) Mentoring Service: Individual mentoring sessions.

III. "In Touch"

A service designed to assist with individual daily living challenges.

A) Referral Service: Community liaison to help identify and acquire necessary resources for housing, food, job training, employment opportunities, education (i.e. high school equivalency, college financial assistance), mental health issues, and substance abuse issues.