

Mentoring Children of Prisoners 2003 Grantee Profiles

Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters was founded in 1964 and now ranks among the largest Big Brother Big Sisters programs nationally. Since 1904 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has been dedicated to serving the needs of low income disadvantaged children and youth with carefully screened, trained, and supported volunteer mentors. The mission of NBBBS is "to improve the lives of young people ages 6-17 and enable them to become productive, responsible adults by creating one-to-one mentoring relationships between "at-risk" youth and qualified adult volunteers." Their partners for this grant are Families in Crisis, Inc. and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Great Hartford. Their program goal is to mentor **300 children** ages 6-14 of prisoners.

The Governor's Partnership to Protect Connecticut's Workforce, Inc.

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Created in 1989, the Governor's Prevention Partnership is a not-for-profit, statewide partnership between state government and business leaders dedicated to keeping Connecticut's youth drug-free and safe. The organization has a long history of working in collaboration with state agencies, schools, community coalitions and organizations, police departments, business, youth-serving organizations, parents and youth. Their program partner is Family ReEntry. Their program goal is to mentor **75 children** of incarcerated adults.

Volunteers of America Northern New England

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Volunteers of America is one of the nation's larger and more comprehensive charitable non-profit Christian human service agencies. Beginning in the late 1800's VOA met basic needs for food, shelter and supports for individuals and families. Their early service history included adoptions, prison ministries, homeless shelters, and missions. As a faith-based organization, VOA is committed to the principles of dignity and respect for each individual and the delivery of

value-based services in each of its programs. Their program partners are: Maine Department of Corrections, Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine, Maine Mentoring Partners and Communities for Children, and Mentor Service Providers. Their program goal is to mentor **50 children** of prisoners in the first year, increasing to 300 by the third year.

Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council

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Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council (GSRHC) a 501c(3) nonprofit based in North Branch, Somerset County, New Jersey, operates the New Jersey Girl Scouting Beyond Bars program to specifically reach out to girls whose mothers are incarcerated. GSBB was launched in 1955 and modeled on a program developed in Maryland with the National Institute of Justice. It is the only program in New Jersey serving children of inmates. Their program goal is to provide in-depth mentoring relationships for up to **25 girls** ages 10 to 14 from New Jersey whose mothers are incarcerated at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility.

Edwin Gould Services for Children & Families

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The Incarcerated Mothers Program (IMP), a program of the Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families, has over 17 years experience working with imprisoned mothers, their children and caretakers. The Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families has over 65 years of experience in NYC working with these mothers and the foster care system. Their expertise along with their strong alliance with the Administration for Children's Services of New York City will prove to be crucial in developing a program that works effectively within this large urban area. Their program goals include providing children with safe places with structured activities during non-school hours, helping form ongoing relationships with caring adults, providing them opportunities to give back to their communities through community service and civic participation, developing marketable skills/competencies acquired through education and youth development, improving their physical and mental health.

Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.

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CONNECTIONS will be coordinated through the lead agency, Center for Community Alternatives, a private, not-for-profit agency that has been a pioneer in working with children of incarcerated parents with experience in the effective screening of mentors and related policies and resources governing criminal history screening dating back to 1987.

Program partners include the Center for Community Alternatives, the Syracuse City School District, the Ministerial Alliance (IMA), composed of inner city congregations, the Targeted Community Intervention, a public/private community collaboration to address youth violence, and Parents Success Initiative, which provides employment supports to non custodial parents, such as parents in prison. The program goal is to address the need for a comprehensive strategy for adolescent children ages 13 to 15 (8th and 9th graders) of incarcerated parents in Syracuse, NY.

The Osborne Association

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Children of prisoners have been a focus for Osborne for nearly 20 years. They established Family Works, the first comprehensive program in the country for children of incarcerated fathers at a men's state prison. Their program partners include Catholic Charities, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Brooklyn and Queens. The program goal is to provide mentoring and family support services to children 4-15 through **50 mentor/child matches**.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of DE, Inc.

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The Mentoring Partnership brings together three well-qualified, experienced, non-profit organizations in a collaboration designed to provide much-needed services to women incarcerated at the Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in Wilmington, DE. BBBS DE is a private, non-profit organization that has been successfully providing adult mentors for youth since 1964. Its mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth, through a professionally supported one-to-one relationship with a caring adult. The organization aims to assist them in achieving their highest potential by providing quality staff, committed volunteers, and maintaining standards of excellence in all area of service. Child, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that for the past 38 years has provided prevention and education activities that strengthen families and offer support to parents. For 83 years, the Delaware Center for Justice has dedicated itself to building a safer, more secure Delaware through advocacy, education, and direct services that restore justice to all who are involved and affected by Delaware's criminal justice system, including victims, offenders, their families and the community. The program goal is to mentor **60 youth** whose mothers are incarcerated at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution.

U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.

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The US Dream Academy was founded in 1998 with a mission to empower at-risk children and youth, specifically the children of prisoners, and maximize their potential by providing them with academic, social and values enrichment through supportive mentoring and technology. The U.S. Dream Academy has served the children of incarcerated parents and those falling behind in school by providing them with the life skills and tools necessary to function in the 21st century. The Dream Academy has serviced more than 2000 children from this specific target population with its mentoring and academic remediation program. Program Partners include colleges/universities, churches, corporations and community organizations in each geographic location, Putting Forth Mentors, Points of Light Foundation, and National Volunteer Service Centers Partnership, Strive for 5 Friend and Family Campaign, January Jamboree, Building Bridges Community Outreach Campaign and Dreamfest. The program goal is to provide **3000 matches** over a three year period to children 7-12 with incarcerated parent(s).

Breaking the Chain Foundation

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The program goal is to develop a sustainable infrastructure for a successful mentoring program specifically for children of prisoners. They will serve **75 children** with an incarcerated parent.

Center for Children

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The Center for Children, Inc. started out as a private, non-profit agency dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse through intervention, counseling, and education. The Center has broadened its mission, becoming a comprehensive mental health clinic that serves people of all ages and in particular the victims of crime and other traumatic events (like natural disasters). Founded in 1988, the Center for Children grew out of a need in Southern Maryland for a comprehensive program that could deal with the entire family system and the other systems immediately surrounding it when assault or abuse was uncovered. In May, 1989, it was incorporated as a private, non-profit. The program goal is to mentor **75 children** of inmates.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA

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The BBBS model of mentoring has been in existence for nearly a century, and BBBS SEPA has been serving disadvantaged and at-risk youth in Philadelphia for nearly 90 years. BBBS SEPA has a history of building community partnerships in its mission to serve disadvantaged youth. In addition to established relationships with the city governments and health and human services organizations in the three counties in which we operate, BBBS SEPA has consistently developed partnerships with others in the community in order to improve the lives of the children we serve. Partners include: Public/Private Ventures, Pew Charitable Trusts, AmeriCorps*Vista, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, City of Philadelphia, Department of Corrections, Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree, Federal Bureau of Prisoners, Philadelphia Consensus Group on Reentry and Reintegration of Adjudicated Offenders, R.E.S.T. (Rational Emotive Spiritual Therapy) and National Association of Black in Criminal Justice. The program goal is to mentor **700 children** from Philadelphia, Chester and Delaware counties with an incarcerated parent.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County

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Jamison, PA 18929
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Contact: Susan Bartels

BBBS is a private, non-profit organization that has served the Bucks County community with integrity for 40 years. The mission of BBBS is to provide quality volunteer and professional services, primarily through mentoring and leadership development, to make a positive difference to Bucks County Children and youth to enable them to achieve their highest potential as they grow to become responsible adults. The program goal is to mentor **300 children** of prisoners.

The Salvation Army

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Contact: Jean Waits-Howard

The Salvation Army has a long, distinguished history of providing support and care to individuals and families who come from the most disadvantaged corners of society, people who are often poor in spirit and poor in economic resources. The Salvation Army was founded 138 years ago in England and has served Pennsylvania for 123 years. Since then we have taken a holistic approach to our work with people, addressing their spiritual, emotional, educational, and material needs. The Salvation Army currently provides services to children and youth and their families where there is an involvement with the criminal justice system. The program goal is to mentor **75 children** ages 5-14 with an incarcerated parent.

Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Contact: John Stahl-Wert

Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation has been serving southwestern Pennsylvania for 25 years as a faith-based civic intermediary, building coalitions that serve youth and families in disadvantaged situations. The nation's oldest leadership foundation, PLF pioneered the model now replicated successfully through Leadership Foundations of America in 39 major urban centers in America. Throughout its history, PLF has always worked to build partnerships between private, public nonprofit and neighborhood leaders and agencies to address challenges that cannot be resolved in isolation. Program partners include Mentoring Partnership of SW PA, Family Guidance, Inc., Allegheny County Jail, Prison Fellowship, Family Services of Western PA, Lydia's Place, City as Parish, Philadelphia's Amachi Program, Pittsburgh Child and Guidance Foundation and University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development. The program goal is to mentor 120 children in the first year, increasing to **360 children** by third year.

Center for Multicultural Human Services

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CHMS began in 1982 as a placement agency for orphaned refugee children. The agency is the Center for Multicultural Human Services whose mission is to help people from ethnically diverse background succeed by providing comprehensive, culturally competent mental health services and conducting research and training to make such services more widely available. Program partners include Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources, Volunteer Fairfax, and Community Ministry of Northern VA. Each partnering organization has demonstrated a history of providing services to disadvantaged youth and families in Fairfax County. They have longstanding traditions of partnering and building coalitions at the community level. The program goal is to mentor **50 children** with an incarcerated parent.

Alabama Attorney General's Office

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Montgomery, AL 36130
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Contact: Lynn Childs

Alabama Attorney's General's Office started a state-wide initiative called "Mentor Alabama" in 2000. The goal was to recruit 2002 new mentors by the end of year 2002. This goal was exceeded nine months ahead of schedule. As of 2003, there are more than 4000 mentors in the Mentor Alabama program. Program partners include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham; Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Alabama, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Alabama, and Montgomery County United Way. The program goal is to mentor **441 children** of incarcerated parents ages 4-15.

YMCA of Greater Louisville

2400 Crittenden Drive
Louisville, KY 40217
502.635.5233
Contact: Dennis Enix

The YMCA of Greater Louisville is a non-profit organization founded in 1853 concentrating on young people and their families in at-risk situations. In 1996 Project Now was created to specifically work with incarcerated parents and their children. Program partner is Dismas Charities, Inc. The program goal is to mentor **35 children** of prisoners ages 12-15.

Chatham County Together!

P.O. Box 1101
Pittsboro, NC 27312
919.542.5155
Contact: Kim Caraginis

Chatham County Together! Is a nonprofit organization founded in 1989 concentrating on positive youth development for young people. The program offers mentoring services and enrichment activities to youth in at risk situations. The program goal is to mentor **14 children** of incarcerated parents ages 6-15.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte

740 West 5th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
704.377.3963
Contact: Carol Lee

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte is a non profit organization founded in 1972 focused on mentoring relations to youth to be confident, competent and caring individuals in their community. The program goal is to mentor **300 children** ages 5-15.

Franklin Williamson Human Services, Inc.

902 West Main
Frankfort, IL 62896
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Contact: J.D. Krmpotich

Franklin Williamson Human Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit behavioral health organization focusing on family and youth behavioral issues. Program partner is Prisoner Family Support. The program goal is to mentor **30 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Indiana Behavioral Health Choices

4701 North Keystone Avenue, Suite 150
Indianapolis, IN 46205
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Contact: Rhonda Shipley

Indiana Behavioral Health Choices is a non profit organization founded in 1996. The agency is dedicated to building local coalitions to provide coordinated services to families and youth. Program Partners are Chances for Drug-Free Youth and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana. The program goal is to mentor **50 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Alternatives for Girls

903 W. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48208
313.361.4000
Contact: Tiffany Moore

Alternatives for Girls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping homeless and high-risk girls and young women to avoid violence, teen pregnancy, and exploitation. The program goal is to mentor **100 children** ages 7-15.

Volunteers in Prevention, Probation, and Prisons, Inc.

Michigan Building
220 Bagley Street
Detroit, MI 48226
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Contact: F. Gerald Dash

Volunteers in Prevention, Probation, and Prisons is a nonprofit organization that provides volunteer services to adults, youth and families since 1969. The agency has connected 1,500 children to mentors. Program partners are area churches. The program goal is to mentor **300 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Search Institute

615 First Ave., NE, Suite 125
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612.692.5548
Contact: Pat Seppanen

Search Institute is a nonprofit organization focused on fostering positive human development through applied research and evaluation, publishing, and field services. Program partners include Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities, the Council on Crime and Justice, and the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota. In Year 1 the partners will expand 1:1 mentoring services to serve **100 children** (ages 4-15) of prisoners in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, MN.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Central Ohio, Inc.

1855 E. Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, OH 43229
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Contact: Jennifer Voit

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Central Ohio Inc. is a non profit organization focused on mentoring relations to inspire youth to be confident, competent, and caring individuals in their community. Program partners include area churches, The Mentoring Center, and Community Connection. The program goal is to mentor **300 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee

8415 West Greenfield Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53214
414.258.4778
Contact: India McCanse

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee is a non profit organization founded in 1975 focusing on mentoring programs for children with single parents or low income families. The Program partners with area churches. The program goal is to mentor **400 children** of prisoners ages 5-15.

Centers for Youth and Families, Inc.

5905 Forest Place, Suite 200
Little Rock, AR 72207
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Contact: Dee Ann Newell

Centers for Youth and Families Inc. is a non profit organization. The program goal is to mentor **350 children** ages 4-15.

Community Service Center, Inc.

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New Orleans, LA 70115
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Community Service Center's (CSC) "Someone to Watch Over Me" is a comprehensive program that includes mentoring components, support services, education enhancement for children, with added components for the caretaker and releasing parent. CSC will utilize information compiled through years of servicing offenders and conducting research to implement this program. Program partners include: Tulane University School of Social Work, Ashe Cultural Arts Center, Southern University School of Social Work and the Sixth Baptist Church. The program goal is to mentor **25 children**.

San Juan County Partnership, Inc.

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Farmington, NM 87402
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This proposed project builds on the established New Mexico Mentoring Partnership in providing mentoring to children in need throughout New Mexico. Program partners include BBBS of Las Vegas, BBBS of Northern New Mexico, BBBS of the Pecos Valley, BBBS of San Juan County, New Mexico Voices for Children/Wise Men and Wise Women and YOU, BBBS of Curry & Roosevelt Counties. All are members of the New Mexico Mentoring Partnership. The program goal is to mentor 159 children and their families in the first year, 198 in the second year and **242 children** in the third year. Children represent a diverse population of the State, comprised of several Native American tribes and Pueblos, predominately Navajo, the Hispanic population, the Anglo population and smaller numbers of African Americans and other ethnicities.

Little Dixie Community Action Agency

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Hugo, OK 74743
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Little Dixie has operated a Head Start Program since 1965. Program partners are Group WorkCamp Foundation (Faith-Based), Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Head Start, The Computer Tutor. The program goal is to mentor 40 young persons.

City of Longview

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Longview, TX 75601
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Contact: Lyndell McAllister

Created in 1995 by a coalition of social services staff, doctors, ministers, parents, and individuals, and serving 145 children of prisoners in the East Texas area, the program has a proven record of mobilizing the community to serve as caring, responsible mentors for children with the greatest need. POP Mentor Program partners include Prison Fellowship Ministries, Forever Friends and Co-Pilots, Faith and Business. The program goal is to mentor **200 children** (over 3 years).

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 610
Levelland, TX 79336
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Contact: Sharon Johnson

South Plains Community Action Association Inc. is a non profit organization focused on program development, management and services to low-income populations in rural counties of the South Plains region. Their mission is to provide opportunities and initiatives for individual growth and self-sufficiency. The program goal is to mentor **70 children** ages 4-15.

Montgomery County Youth Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 1316
Conroe, TX 77305
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Contact: Ann Barker

Montgomery County Youth Services Inc. is a private non-for-profit multi-service youth and family agency that focuses on homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth. The program goal is to mentor **50 children** ages 4-15.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Alamo Area

202 Baltimore
San Antonio, TX 78215
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Contact: Elizabeth Myers

The Big Brothers Big Sisters "Children of Promise" mentoring program is to help children develop positive social behaviors, promote their engagement in the mentor relationship and the community, and assist them in acquiring assets they need in order to grow into confident, competent, caring adults. Program partners are Texas Network of Youth Services, Windham School, MATCH/PATCH, Faith-Based Partners. The program is to mentor **1,000 children** (300 in Dallas and Tarrant Counties, 200 in Harris County, 200 in Bexar County, 175 in Travis and McLennan counties, 75 in El Paso County and 50 in Taylor County).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri

4625 Lindell Boulevard, Suite 501
St. Louis, MO 63108
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Contact: Lisa Derion

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri is a non profit organization focusing on mentoring programs for children ages 5-17. Program partners are area churches and Mothers and Children Together. The program goal is to mentor **300 children** of prisoners ages 5-15.

Denver Area Youth Services

1240 West Bayaud Avenue
Denver, CO 80223
303.698.2300
Contact: Robert Tiernan

Denver Area Youth Services is a non profit organization founded in 1982. The agency focuses on youth in at risk situations, such as abuse and neglect victims, teen mothers, adjudicated juveniles, etc. Program partner is Nicholson, Spencer and Associates. The program goal is to mentor **30 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Montana Human Resources Development Council Directors

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Bozeman, MT 59715
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Contact: Robert Buzzas

Montana Human Resources Development Council Directors, a nonprofit organization. Program partners are Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, T.E.A.M Mentoring, University of Great Falls, and Montana Office of Rural Health. The program goal is to mentor **445 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Missoula County

200 West Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802
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Contact: Peggy Seel

A partnership between county government and Big Brothers Big Sisters. The program goal is to mentor **48 children** of prisoners ages 4-15.

Matchpoint of Arizona, Inc.

2730 West Orangewood
Phoenix, AZ 85051
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Matchpoint of Arizona, Inc. has been mentoring kids with multiple life challenges for over six years and was launched by Prison Fellowship Ministries, a national organization working with adult offenders for over 20 years. Matchpoint leverages local church relationships to recruit, screen and train competent volunteer mentors. During the last six years of operations over 430 youth have experienced the power of a mentor's influence. Matchpoint is a collaboration of three partners: Prison Fellowship Ministries, Matchpoint of AC and Tree of Life, Inc. The program goal is to mentor 50 children of incarcerated parents, increasing to **350 children** by the end of three years.

Pima Prevention Partnership

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Pima Prevention Partnership, the applicant organization, is the largest and oldest substance abuse and delinquency prevention coalition in Pima County with an eleven year history of providing services to at-risk youth and families and changing community conditions for underserved populations. In 1999, PPP was recognized as the Outstanding Coalition in the U.S. from Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America for its work in delinquency prevention and inclusion of all ethnic and disability cultures in its prevention efforts in Pima County. Program partners are Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families, the Children of Prisoners Working Group of the Juvenile Services Coordinating Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Prison Fellowship Ministries and other stakeholders. The program goal is to mentor 100 children of incarcerated parents, increasing to **334 children** by the third year.

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service

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Redding, CA 96001
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The Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) is a non-profit benefit corporation that was established in Redding, CA under the corporate umbrella of Catholic Charities in 1986. NVCSS is a multi-service agency whose mission is to "reach out in care and in love to the poor, to the lonely and to the needy in the community regardless of race, sex, creed, or national origin." Special emphasis is placed on meeting needs in the community that are un-met and advocating for populations who are under-served. Program partners are North State Mentoring Coalition, Youth Violence Prevention Council and supportive organizations in Butte, Shasta, Tehama and Glenn counties. The program goal is to mentor **70 youth** ages 4-15 who have at least one incarcerated parent.

Centerforce, Inc.

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Centerforce has a long and very proud tradition of serving disadvantaged youth and families. The mission of Centerforce is to strengthen individuals and families affected by incarceration through a comprehensive system of education and support. Centerforce's founders began their work in 1972 by establishing a visitors' center to provide families and children of inmates at San Quentin Prison with a place to escape the rain and cold while waiting for their visit. Centerforce went on to establish visitors' centers at all California state prisons, and to successfully work with

the State Legislature to establish a mandate providing ongoing funding for these centers. Incorporated in 1977, Centerforce now has more than 25 years of experience serving inmates and their families at county jails, State prisons and Federal correctional facilities throughout California. The program goal is to mentor **20 youth** aged 12-15 that have an incarcerated parent.

Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning

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Contact: Sue Bousseau

In 1973, OCJP was established as California's state planning agency. Since 1980, numerous state statutes have been enacted directing OCJP to develop a broad range of programs to improve California's criminal justice system and to assist victims of crime. OCJP, through state and federal funding, promotes partnerships to achieve safe communities by enhancing their effectiveness to prevent crime, support crime victims and their rights, and hold offenders accountable. The program goal is to mentor **180 youth** with an incarcerated parent.

San Diego Youth and Community Services, Inc.

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San Diego, CA 92110
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Contact: Barbara Hansen

SDYCS begin in 1970 by meeting the needs of runaway youth with the opening of the first youth runaway shelter in San Diego, the third in the nation. Since then we have stabilized the lives of over a million people. Our mission is to help at-risk youth become self-sufficient and reach their highest potential by investing in them, strengthening their families and building their communities. Together our programs offer a continuum of care for the most at-risk young people in our community. SDYCS has participated successfully for more than 30 years in collaborations with virtually every community-based service provider, public agency, and advocacy organization working to coordinate the delivery of services to youth and families in the area. Program partners are SDYCS Volunteer Services Department, two Youth Education Town Centers, and Coastal Community Center. The program goal is to mentor **100 youth** with incarcerated parents.

Path of Life Ministries

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Riverside, CA 92507
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The support network for the program is composed of key county and community stakeholders from criminal justice, mental health, education, counseling, youth and family services, adult and

juvenile crime and substance abuse, homelessness, depression, suicide, and student dropout and expulsion rates. Their efforts on behalf of children and families are integrated through Riverside County's CONNECT to Achieve!, Education Prevention Trust, Coalition for Common Ground, and Cops and Clergy projects. Program partners are Riverside Ministers Association, Riverside Inter-Faith Association, Riverside Parolee Task Force, Cops and Clergy, Coalition for Common Ground, police departments, probation, the Department of Public Social Service, school districts, the County Office of Education, the YMCA, multiple family and youth serving organizations that provide mentoring, parenting, counseling and treatment. The program goal is to mentor **600 youth** with incarcerated parents.

Hawaii Youth Services Network

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Contact: Judith Clark

Hawaii Youth Services Network promotes the well being of youth and strengthening of families and communities by providing leadership, encouraging collaboration, and creating partnerships statewide. The network is composed of and run by youth service providers from 45+ organizations. HYSN has provided services to runaway, homeless, and street youth through Basic Center Program grants continuously since 1981, Street Outreach Program grants since 1998, and was awarded a Transitional Living Program grant in 2003. Program partners are Hawaii State Department of Public Safety and Hawaii State Office of Youth Services. The program goal is to mentor 100 children aged 4-17 whose parent(s) is/are prisoners.

Committed Partners for Youth

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Eugene, OR 97401
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Contact: Susan Walsh

Committed Partners for Youth is a non-profit organization founded 1991 concentrating in the areas of community- and school-based mentoring for children in at-risk situations. Program partner is Center for Family Development. The program goal is to mentor **50 children** of incarcerated parent ages 4-15.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Portland

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Portland, OR 97211
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Contact: Lynn Thompson

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Portland is a non profit organization focused on empowering those youth in most need. The agency offers mentoring and family assistance to

families in need. Program partner is Family Resource Center. The program goal is to mentor **150 young people** of incarcerated parent, ages 4-15.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

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Deschutes County Sheriff's Office created the Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth (COPY) initiative to provide support and assistance to children of inmates. Program partner is Family Resource Center. The program goal is to mentor **25 young people** of incarcerated parent, ages 4-15.

Girl Scouts-Totem Council

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Contact: Grace Chien

Girl Scouts Totem Council has dedicated its services to working with young people in disadvantaged situations. For example, they currently run a program geared to foster care youth called Fostering for a Future; Skills for Life bridges the cultural gap for immigrant girls in low income housing; Circulo de Manos serves children of migrant workers in the summer prior to starting kindergarten. Program partners are Girl Scouts Pacific Peaks Council and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of King and Pierce Counties. The program goal is to mentor **40 girls** of incarcerated mothers ages 4-15.

Volunteers of America Western Washington

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Contact: Lorrie Miller

Volunteers of America Western Washington is a faith-based social services agency dedicated to empowering diverse individuals and families to reach self-reliance. Program partners are King County Children & Families Commission, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Snohomish County, Deaconess Children's Services, and Familias Unidas Lutheran Community Services. The program goal is to mentor **140 young people** of incarcerated parents ages 4-15.

Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth & Family Services (MANY) is the training and technical assistance provider for mentoring children of prisoners grantees. Contact us at:

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