

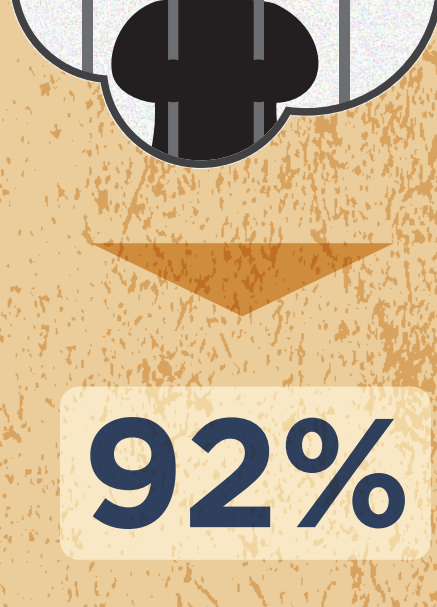
FATHERS BEHIND BARS:

The Problem and Solution for America's Children

National Fatherhood Initiative®

PROBLEM:

There are **2.7 million children** with a parent in prison or jail.¹



Children who grow up in father absent homes are 4 times more likely to live in poverty.²

92%

Having a parent who is incarcerated is now recognized as an "adverse childhood experience" (ACE), which is different from other ACEs because of the trauma, stigma, and shame it inflicts on children.⁴

of parents in prison are fathers.³

The number of children with a father in prison has grown by



79% since 1991.⁵

Incarceration often spans generations.

- Fathers in prison are, overwhelmingly, fatherless themselves.⁶
- Youths in father-absent households have significantly higher odds of incarceration.⁷



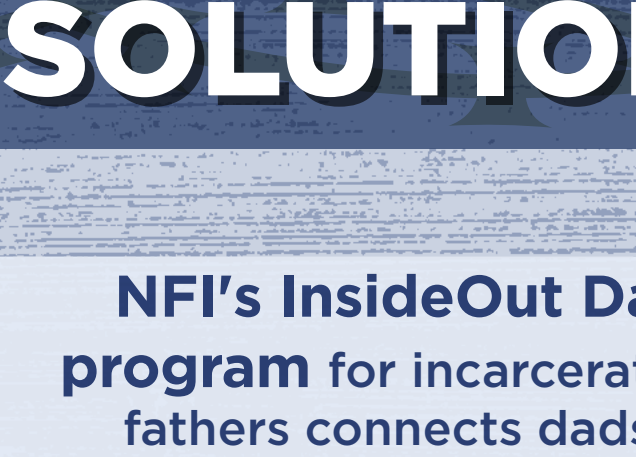
Fathers are returning to their families without the skills they need to be involved, responsible, and committed fathers.



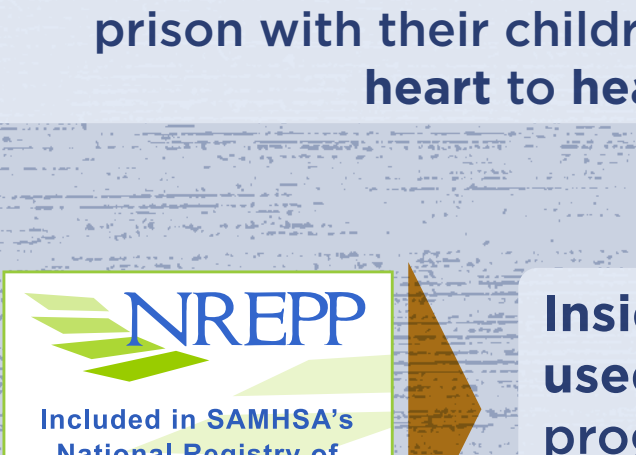
More than **650,000** ex-offenders are released from prison every year.⁸



Recidivism is a huge, national problem.



2/3 of released prisoners, or **429,000**, are likely to be rearrested within three years.⁹



SOLUTION:

NFI's InsideOut Dad® program for incarcerated fathers connects dads in prison with their children, heart to heart.



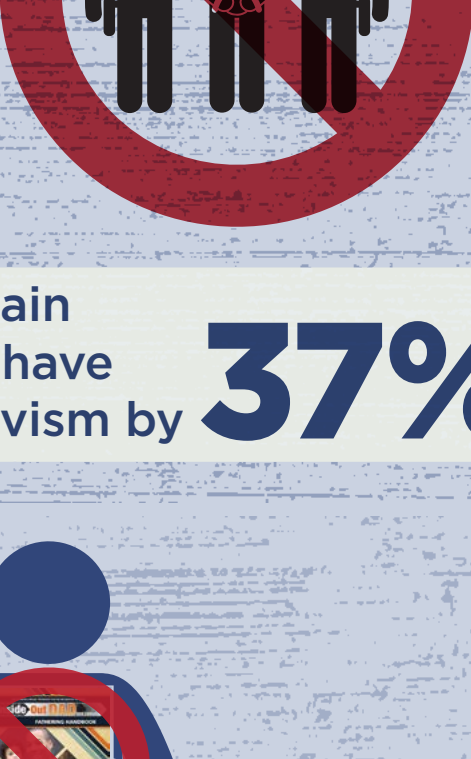
InsideOut Dad® is the most widely used evidence-based parenting program designed specifically for incarcerated fathers.

An evaluation conducted by Rutgers University found that fathers who went through InsideOut Dad® while in prison showed statistically significant increases in fathering knowledge and confidence/self-esteem compared to a control group.¹⁰

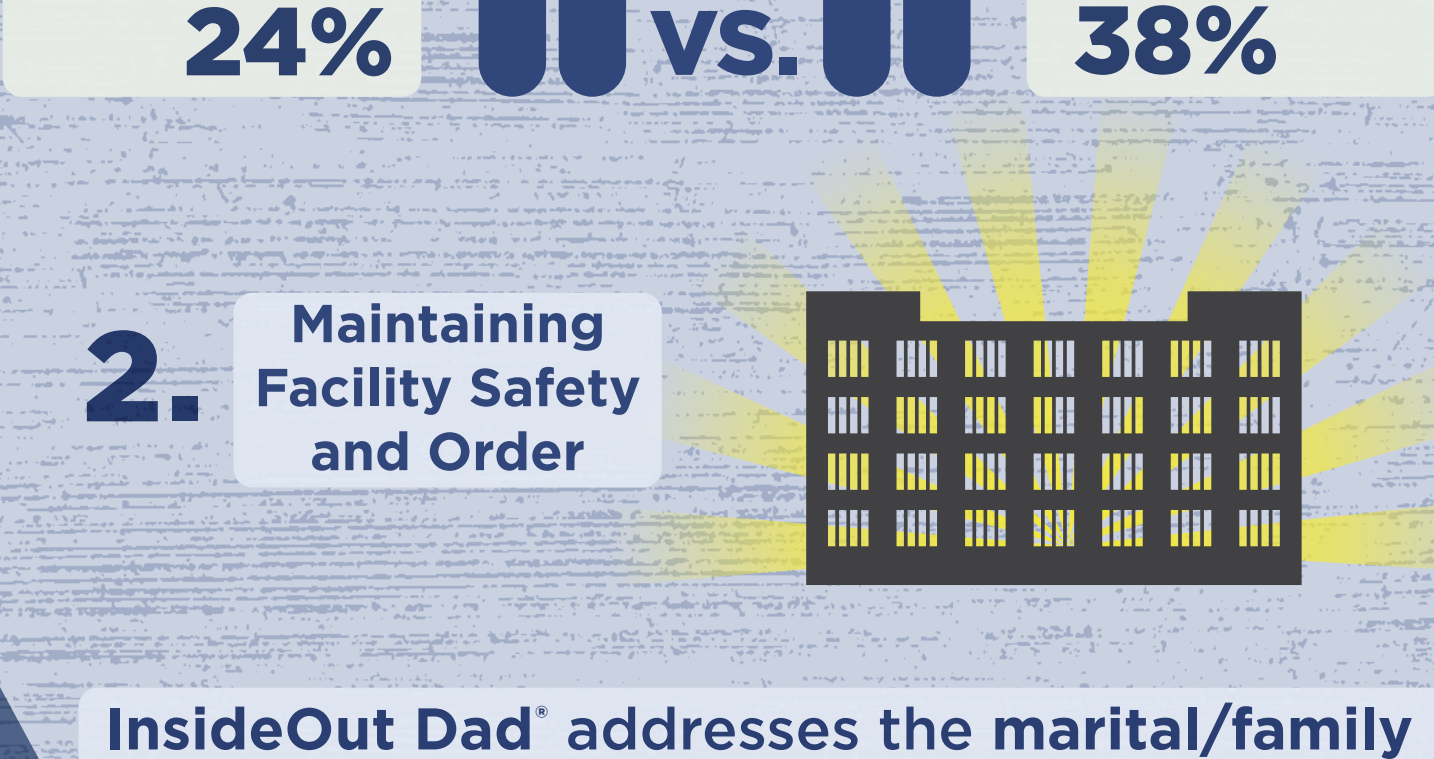


InsideOut Dad® addresses criminogenic needs¹¹, a key factor in:

1. Reducing Recidivism



Reentry initiatives that contain NFI's fatherhood programs have been found to reduce recidivism by **37%**.¹²



2. Maintaining Facility Safety and Order



InsideOut Dad® addresses the marital/family domain¹³ that is concerned with an offender's family relationships, including:

- Relationships with parents and siblings
- Absence of parents
- History of family abuse and criminality
- Marital history
- Parenting skills
- Involvement in child abuse

A study by the Vera Institute of Justice found the strongest predictor of success upon reentry was the perception that the person released that he/she had family support.¹⁴



Cost effective for taxpayers¹⁵ and facilities:

The InsideOut Dad® program costs just **\$699** for the first 10 fathers, then sustained at only **\$10** per father.¹⁶ Because the program can contribute to reduced recidivism among fathers, the potential cost savings are huge. It costs an average of **\$29,000** per year to incarcerate a parent.¹⁷



Be a Part of The Solution. Visit Fatherhood.org/ioc to learn more.

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