Fathers Behind Bars: The Problem and Solution for America's Children

The Problem:

Fathers are returning to their communities following incarceration at a rate of 92%. NFI’s InsideOut Dad® connects dads in prison with their children, heart to heart.

Children who grow up in father absent homes are 4 times more likely to live in poverty. Since 1991, the number of households with a parent in prison or jail has grown by 1,750,000, to 2.7 million. There are 2.7 million children with a parent in prison or jail. Incarceration often spans generations.

Recidivism is a huge, national problem. Of released prisoners, or 429,000, an estimated 80% likely to be rearrested within three years. 82,000 are rearrested within the first three years.


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Neighborhoods with 20% or more children in father-absent households have statistically significant increases in the odds of incarceration.

Cost effective for taxpayers:

InsideOut Dad® is the low-cost way to connect incarcerated fathers specifically to their children in prison. The InsideOut Dad® program costs just $699 for the first 10 fathers, then sustained at only $10 per father. Because $10 per father.

An evaluation conducted by Rutger’s 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.

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SOLUTION:

Be a Part of The Solution.

CALL TO ACTION:

1. Visit Fatherhood.org/iod to learn more.

2. First 10 Dads

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7. Family Science and the Law


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