



CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS INITIATIVE



2018 ACTIVITIES REPORT



WHO WE ARE

Since 2008, the Connecticut General Assembly has recognized the unintended collateral consequences of children dealing with familial incarceration. The CT Children with Incarcerated Parents Initiative (CTCIP) strategically works to improve the quality of supports for children with incarcerated parents by using the various data and knowledge it gains to inform public policy and practice.



WHAT WE DO

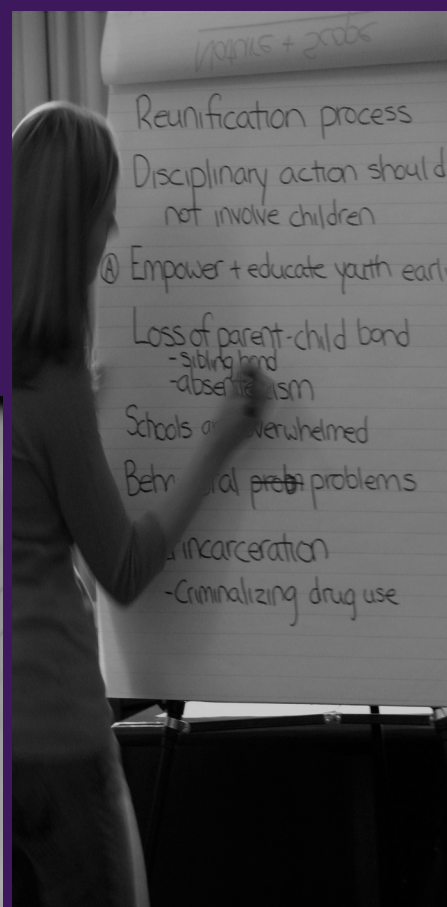
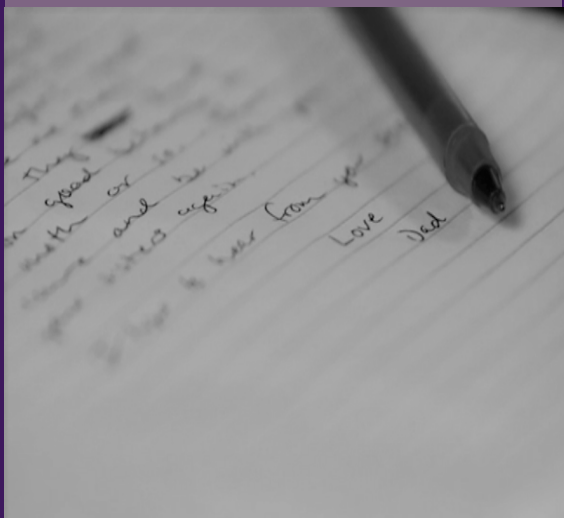
CTCIP is Connecticut's primary resource center for information on and for children affected by familial incarceration. We also serve as the state's think-tank for policy and practice recommendations involving CIP.

WHAT WE DID

Collaborated
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MADE


A DIFFERENCE FOR CT FAMILIES



To protect children from the permanent severance of their relationship with their incarcerated parent due to unintended consequences of Congress' Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), we **COLLABORATED** with the Connecticut Sentencing Commission and Department of Children and Families to [propose legislative changes](#) that would aim to prevent permanent termination of parental rights due to factors associated with incarceration alone.

As part of the Department of Correction Women's Committee, we **DEVELOPED** recommendations to assist in reducing the female inmate population. CTCIP **LED** the Families and Social Supports statewide sub-committee and later presented [recommendations](#) at the Association for International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) conference during Fall.

We **AWARDED** 3 new [scholarships](#) to CCSU students affected by familial incarceration.



1 in 14 U.S.
children
have had a
parent who
lived with
them go to
jail or prison.

WHAT ELSE WE DID

We **DEVELOPED** more services and resources.

We **PARTNERED** with the CCSU Social Work program and [New Britain YWCA STRIVE Program](#) to help children through mindfulness and a psychoeducation-support group focused on social and emotional learning to mitigate the impact of parental incarceration.

We **FUNDED** the expansion of Connecting through Literacy: Incarcerated Parents, their Children and Caregivers ([CLICC](#)), which is the first statewide mentoring program specifically designed for CIP.

We **PROVIDED** technical support and consultation to various schools, parents and providers for the 2018-2019 academic year.

We **WORKED** across the state, nation and globe.

We, along with the National Resource Center for Children and Families of the Incarcerated, Council of State Governments, and Carol Burton **SURVEYED** all U.S. states and territories on statewide policies and practices that support CIP.

We **CONVENED** a group of international leaders to design a study to document child-friendly corrections practices and policies throughout the globe.

We **SHARED** critical information.

We **AUTHORED** "[Building Academic Partnerships to Expand Knowledge and Inspire Change](#)," in the book, *Contemporary Research and Analysis on the Children of Prisoners: Invisible Children*, with international leaders working on behalf of CIP. The publication highlights the works presented during the 1st biennial conference of the International Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents (INCCIP) in 2017.

We **PRESENTED** information on our national and international studies at the National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference at Arizona State University in April.

We **CREATED** the first attachment and stigmatization scales designed specifically for CIP assessment.

We **ADVOCATED** to increase and to improve ways of maintaining the parent-child relationship during a period of incarceration through visitation by [participating in the Osborne Association's #SeeUsSupportUs](#) national campaign on behalf of Connecticut.

WHAT WE HOPE TO DO

We will continue the very important work of identifying, developing and implementing [services and resources](#) for children affected by familial incarceration in the state of Connecticut.

We will further provide advocacy and outreach efforts in order to de-stigmatize the issue and to provide better support and networks for CIP and families affected.

We will gain additional understanding of the CIP population in our state, nation and across the world, as well as the specific service-needs of CIP through research, evaluation and outreach.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

DONATE to [our scholarship fund](#) so we can continue assisting CIP students in reaching their dreams.

CONTRIBUTE monetary support so we can continue helping Connecticut CIP.

LEARN more about our overall work [here](#).

LIKE and **FOLLOW** us on social media to stay updated.

ASSIST a child dealing with parental and/or familial incarceration by visiting our kid-friendly, CIP-specific website [here](#).

VISIT us. We are located at Central Connecticut State University's Downtown Campus at the [Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy \(IMRP\)](#), 185 Main Street, Room 215 in New Britain, CT.

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