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elcome to the Mentoring Children of Prisoner's Voucher Demonstration Program "Caregiver's Choice."

Established in 2007, the Voucher Demonstration program is designed to increase access to Mentoring Services nationwide and provide caregivers and parents the choice to select a Mentoring Program that meets high quality standards. The Family and Youth Services Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded a grant to the National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) to coordinate the distribution of the vouchers. The goal is to serve children who reside in areas not served by a Mentoring Children of Prisoner's basic grant, Native American children and children residing in rural areas. In addition, MENTOR provides ongoing training and technical assistance to all community based Caregiver's Choice Mentoring Providers and their Affiliates.

HOW CAN MENTORING HELP A CHILD WHOSE PARENT IS INCARCERATED ?

Mentoring benefits both children and families. Children with an incarcerated parent are a diverse group of children with a shared experience. They can benefit from mentoring in a variety of ways. Many children benefit from an additional adult who can help them with their homework and encourage them in school. Other children may enjoy playing games and sports with their mentor. Often times, mentors can provide an empathetic ear and support as children struggle with their parents' incarceration.

When children spend time with their mentors, it can open up free time for caregivers or parents. For busy caregivers with work commitments, mentors may provide peace of mind; knowing their child is with a trusted adult for activities and outings. Also, research indicates that children with mentors have better relationships with parents and peers, are less likely to skip school, and are more likely to feel confident about their schoolwork.

WHAT IS CAREGIVER'S CHOICE?

Mentoring Children of Prisoners: Caregiver's Choice is designed to connect caregivers and parents with quality mentoring programs. These programs match children who have incarcerated parents with screened and trained adult mentors.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT IT?

Caregiver's Choice makes it possible for many more kids across the country to have mentors, and for many more families to enjoy all the benefits of mentoring. This program is unique because it gives you, the child's parent or caregiver, the power to choose- to look at the possibilities and decide on the best mentoring program to meet your needs and the needs of your child.

For Example, a caregiver can choose:

- * A Mentoring Program that is run by a secular organization, or one run by a church or faith-based group, or
- * A Mentoring Program that is close to the child's school or one close to home.

Caregiver's Choice takes the guess work out of finding a Mentoring Program. Because all the programs in Caregiver's Choice are approved, caregivers can feel comfortable choosing a program based on their needs, knowing all the programs and mentors meet standard for safety and quality.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

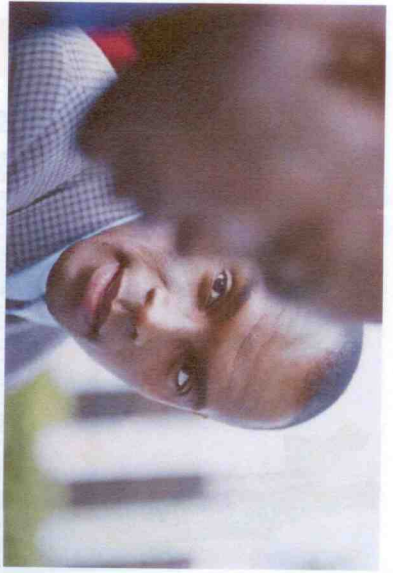
Parents/Caregivers complete an enclosed application or visit www.mentorcommunity.org and fill the application on line by clicking the "Submit C.H.I.P. Application" tab. Once the initial application is completed the caregiver will be contacted by MENTOR to enroll their child or children. After the child has been accepted, the caregiver will receive a list of approved mentoring programs in their area, and a voucher to take to the program that best fits their needs. If a caregiver needs more information or guidance to choose a program, help is available by phone at 1-800-298-2730 ext 22 and ask for either Kevin Resner or Brenda Campbell.

WHO CAN USE THE VOUCHERS?

Any child, from age 4 up to 18 years old, who has a parent in a federal or state correctional facility and who is not already enrolled in a formal Mentoring Program.

KAIROS CARES ABOUT CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED...

HELP IS ON THE WAY!



Studies have shown that mentoring is one of the most beneficial ways to assist isolated youth. Those youth who connect with a loving caring mentor have improved social skills, enhanced self-esteem and share a better relationship with parents and peers. Mentors benefit from the fulfillment of giving back and speaking into a youth's life.

Both lives are forever affected.

KAIROS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Kairos ministries is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

Kairos Inside for Incarcerated Men and Women



"I was in prison and you visited me..."
Matt. 25:36

Kairos Outside for Female Family and Friends



"Relieve the trouble of my heart and bring me out of my distress."
Psaln 25:17

Kairos Torch for Youthful Offenders & Children of Prisoners



"...So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."
Psaln 103:5

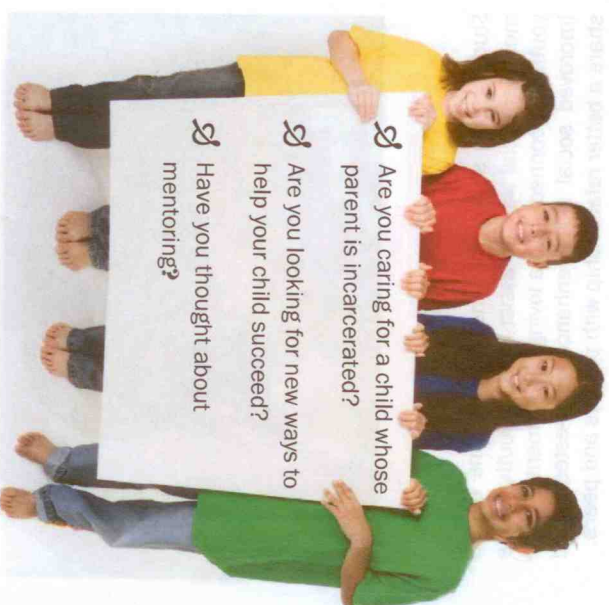
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Kairos Torch helping

**Children of Incarcerated Parents
 (Kairos Torch CHIP Program)**



- Are you caring for a child whose parent is incarcerated?
- Are you looking for new ways to help your child succeed?
- Have you thought about mentoring?

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MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS
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What is Mentoring?

Mentoring is a structured, one-to-one relationship between a young person and an adult, a relationship meant to help the young person grow in a variety of ways. Quality mentoring programs provide carefully screened and trained adults that spend time with a child, usually an hour a week over the course of a year.

- ◆ I am interested in enrolling my child, please contact my child's other parent or caregiver
- ◆ I am interested in enrolling my child, please send me program lists and vouchers!
- ◆ I am interested in enrolling and have already identified the following approved mentoring program

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Boy Girl _____

My name _____

Caregiver's Name _____

Who should we contact? (circle) Self/Caregiver

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Preferred Contact (circle) mail/phone

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