



"The criminal justice system needs to be more responsive to the needs of children impacted by a parent's incarceration. Many children are abandoned or forced into foster care as a result of their parent's incarceration. This program was created to help children obtain family services, counseling and family jail visits to reduce the hardship of a parent's incarceration."

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# CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS PROGRAM



**If you are in jail and worried about  
your child, we can help**

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## **CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS\***

1. I have the right to be kept safe and informed at the time of my parent's arrest.
2. I have the right to be heard when decisions are made about me.
3. I have the right to be considered when decisions are made about my parent
4. I have the right to be well cared for in my parent's absence.
5. I have the right to speak with, see and touch my parent.
6. I have the right to support, as I struggle with my parent's incarceration.
7. I have the right not to be judged, blamed or labeled because of my parent's incarceration.
8. I have the right to a lifelong relationship with my parent.

\* By San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to help promote a healthy relationship between children and their incarcerated parents.

## **When a parent is in jail or prison, we can help with:**

- family visits;
- emergency housing;
- government assistance;
- urgent childcare;
- family court hearings;
- child support payments;
- job/vocational training;
- counseling;
- other urgent needs of the child and family.

Ask your Public Defender about the CIP Program or

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