

BE SURE YOUR CHILD IS CARED FOR AND SAFE

Resource Sheet for Incarcerated Parents and Their Children's Caregivers

TELL YOUR CHILD'S CAREGIVER ABOUT THESE PLACES WHERE YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS CAN GET HELP

LIFT

Website: www.LIFTonline.org

Statewide Hotline: 212-343-1122
(accepts collect calls from parents in jail or prison)

Email via web: www.LIFThotline.org

Legal information about Family Court and family law; Referrals to social and legal services; Receive intensive legal and social work services at the Family Legal Center; Multilingual Legal Resource Guides

NYS Kinship Navigator

Website: www.nysnavigator.org

Toll-free Phone: 877-454-6463

Email: navigator@nysnavigator.org

Learn about county-specific help; Talk to a Kinship Specialist; Access legal fact sheets; Referrals to agencies and professionals

The Osborne Association

Website: www.osborneny.org

Family Resource Center: 800-344-3314

Phone: 718-637-6560

Email: info@osborneny.org

Court advocacy, drug treatment, employment and family service; Visiting assistance and counseling

Prison Families of New York, Inc.

Website: www.prisonfamiliesofnewyork.org

Phone: 518-453-6659

Provides support groups, visiting policy, help with prison problems

Women's Prison Association

Website: www.wpaonline.org

Phone: 646-336-6100

Get direct assistance for criminal justice involved women

ALSO TELL YOUR CHILD'S CAREGIVER ABOUT THESE RESOURCES

Financial Help for Your Child

Your child's caregiver may be able to apply for Temporary Assistance (often called child-only grants) that provides monthly cash assistance to be used for the care of your child. This assistance is based on the income and resources of your child, not the income of the non-parent caregivers. Caregivers may also be able to apply for Food Stamps, Medicaid, childcare assistance or other services for your child. For more information and an application package, the caregiver can call 211 (available in most counties) or visit the local department of social services (HRA in New York City).

Handbook for Caregivers

The New York State Handbook for Relatives Raising Children, *Having a Voice and a Choice*, discusses the various options available to caregivers. The handbook is available online at www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/publications/Pub5080.pdf.

This information sheet was prepared as part of a flyer to help parents who have been arrested plan for their children. While the flyer does not provide legal advice, it does explain various short- and long-term options that help parents plan appropriately for their children's care and provides information about resources that can be helpful to parents, their children and their children's caregivers.

The flyer is available on the NYS Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children's website at www.nycourts.gov/ip/justiceforchildren/incarceratedparents.shtml.

This flyer should not take the place of speaking with a lawyer about your plans for your child.