

## Why are we taking kids to prisons?

There are more than 1.7 million children in America with a parent in prison, more than 70 percent of whom are children of color. Approximately half of kids with incarcerated parents are under ten years old; 22 percent of children of state inmates are under five years old.

About 62 percent of parents in a state correctional facility are housed more than 100 miles from their place of residence at arrest. That means children whose dad is in prison typically live too far away to see him very often. Many don't get to see dad at all.

While the effects can differ among children, the dire consequences of a parent's incarceration on a child are long-lasting. Following release from prison both parents and children face challenges in reuniting their families.

Regular visits help children maintain a relationship and ease the reunification upon their dad's release.

**We can help.**

# Parenting From Prison

In this economy, many families simply can't afford to buy gas or a bus ticket to let children spend time with their incarcerated fathers.

## Who is paying for this?

**Black Family Preservation Group, Inc.** has received a grant to help local children stay connected with their fathers while they are serving time in the VA Department of Corrections. The prison visits are part of the *Promoting Responsible Fatherhood in Southside VA* initiative, which is funded by the Virginia Department of Social Services. Black Family Preservation Group, Inc. is partnering with For The Children Partners In Prevention, Inc. on this endeavor.



## Who can participate?

This program is restricted to children residing in **Martinsville, Danville, Henry County** or **Pittsylvania County**. Any child in these communities under the age of 18 is eligible to participate.

## Read to Me Daddy.

For young boys and girls – ages 9 and under – we will even make arrangements for Dad to read a story during the visit. A guardian must accompany infants and toddlers in diapers. If a guardian is not available for children ages 4 to 18, a chaperone will be provided.

**To register a child for a visit,** call:(336) 580-3163 and speak to Sharon Brooks Hodge.

## About Us

**Black Family Preservation Group, Inc.** is a national non-profit organization that advocates for stable African-American families. We dedicate resources to eliminating the obstacles to healthy, happy families.



**... For  
a visit  
with Dad!**

*Saving African-American Families*



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