REENTRY: STRATEGIES FOR FAMILY REBUILDING

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Mission Statement

- To assist children who are impacted by the incarceration of a loved one.
WHAT IS COIPP?

- All Volunteer
- 501 (c)(3)
- Started 16 years ago
- Grew from $200 budget to $70,000 budget
- $83,000 Governors Grant
WHAT DO WE DO?

- Serve the children
- Serve the caregivers
- Serve the parents
- Parenting From Afar
WHY REENTRY ISSUES?

- Recidivism rates
- Fear of getting out of jail
- Fear when out of jail
- Change in family rules
- Parenting From Afar versus Parenting Up Close
- The moms and dads want it!
GETTING STARTED: ONE STEP FORWARD AND TWO BACK!

- Slow beginnings
- Meetings with no shows
- Classes versus individual meetings
- Focused Assistance
  - Rachel
  - Sherelle
  - Sandy
  - Shyann
NEXT STEPS

 Work collaboratively!
 Help from an intern
 Collaborating with Wells House
 Meetings with past parenting participants
 Willingness to change direction
 Book review focus groups
 Resource review focus groups
WE HAVE BEGUN: COFFEE WITH COIPP

- Individual meetings
- Weekly group meetings
  - 15 people came and more are interested
  - Demand for weekly meetings
  - Lots of group ideas
FUNDING

- Rotary and Frederick Women’s Giving Circle
- Community Collaborations
  - Paul Mitchell
  - Curious Iguana Book store
  - Federated Charities
- Volunteer efforts
SHORT TERM GOAL?

- Less isolation
- Situational problem solving
- Resources that work
LONG TERM GOAL?

- Less recidivism
- Happier, healthier children
- ACEs mitigated
- Support for one another
Q & A