

Appendix I. Overview of MFS-IP Programs

Grantee	Program Summary
The Osborne Association (NY)	<p>Osborne is targeting incarcerated fathers at New York DOCS facilities. Anyone at the 3 facilities can participate in skills-building exercises at the Children’s Centers. The other program components, limited to fathers who are in a committed relationship, are offered in a successive course structure (with the subsequent course a prerequisite) and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Parenting Course or Breaking Barriers Course (at Sing Sing the parenting course is not funded through the grant and is therefore not restricted to fathers in a committed relationship) • Healthy Relationships Course • Healthy Marriage Seminar <p>Services can be provided at any time during the sentence, and there is no post-release component.</p>
New Jersey Department of Corrections	<p>NJ DOC is targeting men incarcerated at NJ DOC facilities who are either married or in a committed relationship (and, for those who are not married, who have children), within approximately 6 months of release, and are max-out offenders. Services are provided during the 6 month pre-release period and then for at least 6 months after release. The program plans to enroll 90 couples per year. Participants will receive the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management, which focuses on conducting needs assessments and providing assistance with visitation (in addition to developing a substance abuse plan and providing substance abuse counseling, running support groups, referring couples to marriage counseling, and developing of a discharge plan including other referrals) • A substance abuse education course using the curriculum “Living in Balance” • A 16-week marriage education and parenting curriculum (“Married and Loving It”) • Encouragement for men to participate in a substance abuse program (post-release and possibly pre-release)
Child & Family Services of New Hampshire	<p>CFS is targeting men incarcerated at Concord prison (and, in Year 4-5, services will be expanded to the Berlin prison). Services will be “tiered” in that all participants will take the parenting class and then fathers who are in a committed relationship may elect to take the PREP component (offered to the couple jointly, although men may still participate even if their partner cannot attend). Fathers who are in either a committed or co-parenting relationship and who are within 6 months of release may also receive family reentry counseling. Program components (and enrollment targets) include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting course • Relationship education course (PREP curriculum) • Family reentry counseling • Video visiting (partner visitation available to PREP graduates, child visitation available to graduates of parenting curriculum) • Child-friendly visitation <p>Services can be provided at any time during the sentence, and there is no post-release component.</p>
Indiana Department of Correction	<p>IDOC is targeting incarcerated men who are participants in character/faith-based living units (Purposeful Living Units Serve [PLUS] units) or graduates of a parenting class at 13 IDOC facilities. All PLUS participants receive a classroom portion of PREP and a parenting curriculum but only those who are in a committed relationship whose partners are willing to participate will take part in the PREP couples retreat. Graduates of the general inmate population parenting class are eligible to participate in the PREP couples retreat as well. Services will be provided during the participants’ 4th quarter in PLUS (which is not timed to admission or release date). There is no post-release component.</p>

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Minnesota Council for Crime and Justice	<p>CCJ is targeting incarcerated fathers who are in a committed relationship, from (and returning to) the Twin Cities area, and have a sentence of 6 months-3 years. Eligible participants are identified immediately after intake and the bulk of the services will be available regardless of where inmates are transferred. Participants receive case management during their entire sentence (although it will be more intense immediately prior to release) and for at least 1 year after release. Program components, all of which are provided to both members of the couple, include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management • Parenting classes • Relationship classes (only offered at 4 facilities) • Financial literacy • Employment referrals, training, and placement
Centerforce (CA)	<p>Centerforce is targeting fathers incarcerated at San Quentin State Correctional Facility (within a program-oriented housing unit) who are 3-12 months from release and planning to return to one of the Bay Area counties. Participants may begin receiving programming within one year of release. Services will be “tiered” in that the family reunification case management component is only available for fathers in a co-parenting relationship (and who complete BTFM and whose partner has completed BTF in the community). Program components and enrollment targets include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to the Family Man (BTFM) classes • Couples Enhancement classes • (for eligible subset) Family Reunification Case Management (3-months of pre- and 6 months of post-release case management)
Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota	<p>LSSSD is targeting men who have a child under 18, are in a committed relationship, and are incarcerated in one of four SD DOC facilities. Incarcerated fathers and their partners participate in a two-day relationship education workshop using the Within Our Reach curriculum and are offered five case management visits, including three that can take place during the 6 months after release. In addition, incarcerated fathers who are identified as having domestic violence issues will receive a 26-week domestic violence education course.</p>
Cangleska, Inc. (SD)	<p>This site is no longer funded and no longer included in the evaluation.</p>
Shelby County Division of Corrections (TN)	<p>SC DOC is targeting incarcerated men at the Adult Offender Center within the Shelby County prison. Men must be in a committed relationship and have between 6-12 months left to serve. Program components include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting education • Employment skills classes and certification programs • Moral reconnection therapy • PAIRS (relationship strengthening course, includes money management; available to couple jointly) • Child-friendly visitation • Family group conferencing (available as needed) • Intensive GED instruction/higher education (available as needed) • Case management (available as needed) <p>Most of the program components are delivered while the male partner is incarcerated. After release, participants can receive ongoing case management and some job search assistance.</p>
People of Principle (TX)	<p>POP is targeting fathers who are either incarcerated in 8 West Texas prisons or newly released parolees under supervision in Parole Board Area 6. The men must be in a committed relationship. Couples will receive relationship education using the PREP curriculum through a weekend seminar (for couples including an incarcerated father) or three sessions delivered at the parole/probation office (for couples including a formerly incarcerated father on community supervision).</p>

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Maryland Department of Human Resources	<p>Via the grant, MD DHR funds sub-grants to two counties (Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties) to serve men who are currently or formerly (within 36 months) incarcerated. The men must be fathers to participate. For incarcerated men, the program will start during the 6 months prior to release and there will not be a post-release component. Program components include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship education using the Exploring Healthy Relationships and Marriage with Fragile Families curriculum • Parenting education • Employment services (job training, development and placement services) available as needed • Referrals to domestic violence services
The RIDGE Project (OH)	<p>The RIDGE Project plans to target any men in the father role who are incarcerated in any of the 32 state prisons or under community supervision in 8 counties in Ohio. Fathers must be in a committed relationship in order to participate in the relationship courses. The program has a successive course structure (with completion of each stage necessary for the next) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “10 Great Dates” (only for non-incarcerated families) • A Core Communication class (concurrently offered to fathers and partners) • The Keeping FAITH curriculum • A Couple Communication course (concurrently offered to fathers and partners) • Encouragement to complete a parenting course • Special visitation with partner (including food and teaching time) and visits (as well as other services) with a Life Coach/mentor • Support services (job readiness, computer skills, budgeting seminars, etc.)
Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (MI)	<p>OLHSA is planning on targeting incarcerated and formerly incarcerated (within 1 year of release) parents in Oakland County. The incarcerated population will be recruited from county jail facilities (including a Boot Camp) and a state prison. The community population will be recruited from a substance abuse treatment center and through referrals from numerous sources. The partner of the incarcerated/formerly incarcerated individual could be a primary caregiver, custodial parent, spouse, or partner. Program participants will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An 8 week parenting course (“Caring for My Family—Family Formation and Fathering Curriculum”) • Services of a systems navigator (family reentry and strengthening planning/case management, referrals, employment support services, etc.) • Support groups