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| **Sub-Committee Name**  Family Reunification  **Facilitator(s)**  Phyllis P. Nance, Alameda County Child Support Services  Kevin Bremond, First 5 Alameda County / Alameda County Fathers Corps  Carol Burton, Alameda County Behavioral Health  **Dates of Meetings**  ACPHD’s Fatherhood Initiative / Café Dad – June 26, 2019  ACCIPP Quarterly Convening: October 12, 2018, March 1, 2019 and June 28, 2019  Family Reunification Listening Sessions July 8, 2019 and July 10, 2019  **# of Unduplicated Attendees**  39  **Organizations represented at sub-committee meetings**   * Alameda County Behavioral Health Care, Office of Family Impact * Alameda County Center for Healthy Schools * Alameda County Child Support Services * Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents (ACCIPP) * Alameda County Fatherhood Initiative / Café Dad * Bananas Inc. * Because Black is Still Beautiful * Change to Come * Children’s Defense Fund * First 5 Alameda County / Alameda County Fathers Corps * Five Keys Schools and Programs * GMU Probation * Impact Justice * Movement Inc. * Parent-Caregiver Advisory Group (PCAG) * Project What * Root and Rebound * SQ Trust * Tandem Partners in Early Learning * Time for Change Foundation * UC Berkeley Child Welfare Indicator Project * UCSF Benioff Childrens Hospital   **Recommended Performance Measures**   * # and % of arresting officers trained in Children of Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights and child-sensitive arrest practices * # and % of service providers that use Family Reunification Action plans to effectively serve families * # and % of organizations with leadership/mentoring programs for returning parents and their children * # and % of courts using Family Impact Statements as part of the court process * # and % of parents who report learning culturally relevant parenting and/or co-parenting skills as a result of attending parenting and/or co-parenting classes, based upon pre- and post-class surveys * # of child-friendly environments and activities in correctional settings, transitional housing, substance abuse treatment programs, and community programs * # of people using child-friendly environments and activities in correctional settings, transitional housing, substance abuse treatment programs, and community programs * # and % of children visiting their incarcerated parents * # and mode of contact (other than visits) between incarcerated parents and their children * # of housing developments accepting parents re-entering the community * # of returning parents who report successful housing placement * # of Child Support 101 workshops offered by Alameda County Department of Child Support Services at Santa Rita Jail * # and % of parents with child support orders who are current in paying their child support within 18 months of release * # and % of parents referred to workforce development programs * # of parents that secure employment within 18 months of release.   **Recommended Strategies**   * Utilize the Bill of Rights as a guiding framework for policies and services to children, families, and parents impacted by the criminal justice system. * Ensure that the continuum of reentry providers receive training and resources that include topics such as gender & cultural responsiveness; culturally relevant service, impact of trauma on families; family dynamics; explicit bias and healthy relationships as they pertain to the incarcerated and returning populations. * Develop and incorporate Family Reunification Action Plans to be used by all service providers that include employment, housing, mental health, family therapy and supportive family services * Create pathways to leadership for children of incarcerated parents (COIP) and returning parents so they become advocates and mentors for families impacted by the criminal justice system. * Develop a Family Impact Statement to be included in the court process. * Increase the capacity of service delivery systems to meet the needs of returning parents and their families. * Create and support a learning community for service providers and correctional officers/leaders to share and develop best practices for working with families impacted by the criminal justice system. * Create culturally relevant education and supports inside and outside of correctional facilities that support both parents. Examples of important topics include parenting/co-parenting, healthy relationships, domestic violence prevention, mediation. * Create and maintain child-friendly environments and activities in correctional settings, transitional housing, substance abuse treatment programs, and community programs. * Provide multiple forms of communication access for incarcerated parents (letters, phone calls, emails, Skype) to maintain family relationships, and remove barriers to contact visits. * Identify and increase housing opportunities for returning parents. * Increase and prioritize child support services for returning parents. * Identify, increase and prioritize education and employment opportunities for returning parents. | |