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| **Sub-Committee Name**Family Reunification**Facilitator(s)**Phyllis P. Nance, Alameda County Child Support ServicesKevin Bremond, First 5 Alameda County / Alameda County Fathers CorpsCarol Burton, Alameda County Behavioral Health**Dates of Meetings**ACPHD’s Fatherhood Initiative / Café Dad – June 26, 2019ACCIPP 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.
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