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Delaware Center for Justice

Read In, Read Out Program

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MISSION

**We listen, we amplify,
and we act to seek
justice for all
Delawareans through
advocacy and services**

CULTURAL

DCJ believes in second chances. We make strong efforts to instill hope in our clients and constituents. We believe that someone's past does not define them, and our mantra is "progress, not perfection." We intend to recognize that people who are making progress may take two steps forward and one step back.

DCJ strives to be a safe environment. We aspire to have an office culture that is shame resistant and non-judgmental and that allows staff and clients to be compassionate and vulnerable with each other. All are treated with dignity and respect.

DCJ strives to be a place of innovation and creativity. We seek to encourage and embrace innovation and creativity. We are determined to pursue an environment that is spirited, energetic, and flexible. Our innovative approach with the diverse set of clients we work with means that we view each client as the expert in their own "case," meeting them where they are.

DCJ strives to be a place for high performance and accountability. We wish to be accountable to our clients because we value them greatly, and we recognize that we owe it to them to provide the best possible programs to best serve them.

VALUES

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programming and services

Adult Victim Services

- Supports adult crime victims ages 50+ who live in New Castle County. AVS helps clients navigate the many systems that impact their lives after being victimized. AVS provides many services including counseling services, home visits, court accompaniment, intensive case management, long-term follow up care, and assistance in establishing a reliable support system.

Community Reintegration Services Program (CRSP)

- Case Management Services for adults on probation across Delaware. DCJ Case Managers in probation and parole offices help connect participants to services and supports that help meet basic needs, personal goals, and probation requirements, including housing, supportive benefits, mental health and substance use supports, employment, and education.

Transitional Reentry Services

- Provides reentry support to adults exiting the Department of Corrections Level 4&5 facilities in Delaware. Transitional Reentry offers mobile Peer Support services statewide, picking individuals up upon their release and offering transportation services and support for the first 90-days post-release. Case Managers and Peer Specialists connect participants to services and supports that help meet basic needs, personal goals, and probation requirements, including housing, supportive benefits, mental health and substance use supports, employment and education.

S.E.L.F.

- S.E.L.F (Safety, Emotion, Loss and Future) groups are held at the Department of Corrections Facilities, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution and Hazel D. Plant Treatment Center. SELF Groups address some of the key areas of recovery related to chronic stress, trauma, and family and relationship problems.

Healing Spaces

- A free support group for Black people to share personal experiences with racism, process racial trauma, and get supportive feedback.

Systems Navigation

- The Systems Navigator provides statewide education and advocacy related to the Pardon and Expungement process in Delaware through networking, community events, and individual support. Individuals who qualify for a pardon or expungement can receive one-on-one support from the Systems Navigator.

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School Offense Diversion Program

- An alternative to the juvenile court process and punitive disciplinary approaches – a space for mediation with students to talk through and understand the nature of the incident and to validate their experience. Students work through personalized plans to learn to skillfully resolve problems and sustain healthy relationships so that what may have been their first experience with the legal system is their last.

Restorative Services/Conferencing

- Utilizing Restorative Justice principles and values, our Conferencing Program offers those who have been harmed (victims) the opportunity to address those who have caused them harm (offenders) in a safe, structured setting, with the goal of directly holding an offender accountable for their actions while providing important assistance to the victim. With the assistance of a trained facilitator/ mediator, those harmed are given the opportunity to explain how they have been impacted by the harm done to them, how the person who harmed them should be held accountable, and if they feel that justice has been served.

Youth Reentry Services

- Provides reentry support to adjudicated youth exiting residential placement in Delaware and out of state. Youth receive pre-release daily programming, including Forward Thinking, Restorative Justice, and Vocational workshops, one-on-one Case Management support, and customized Reentry Transition Plan that supports their social, emotional, and reentry goals. After their return to the community, youth and their families continue to receive wrap-around case management services for up to a year while they are on Juvenile Probation in Delaware.

Youth Institutional Services/Forward Thinking

- The Forward Thinking Program is a group program for youth at the New Castle County Detention Center. Forward Thinking is an Interactive Journaling curriculum that uses evidence-based strategies to assist youth involved in the criminal justice system in making positive changes to their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.



RIRO Program...

what is it?

The Read In, Read Out Program (RIRO), a collaborative project between Delaware Center for Justice, Delaware Department of Corrections, and Read Aloud Delaware, seeks to help incarcerated persons mend, strengthen, and maintain the relationships and bonds with their children, which have often been strained or disrupted due to their involvement in the system, by offering opportunities for these individuals to participate in long-distance reading with their children.

In the RIRO Program, parent participants select their favorite age-appropriate books from the RIRO library to read aloud to their children while recording on a voice recording device. The book and a USB drive with the audio recording are then both sent to their children so they can listen and follow along!

**Also open to incarcerated grandparents and their grandchild(ren)*



RIRO Program...

who is involved?



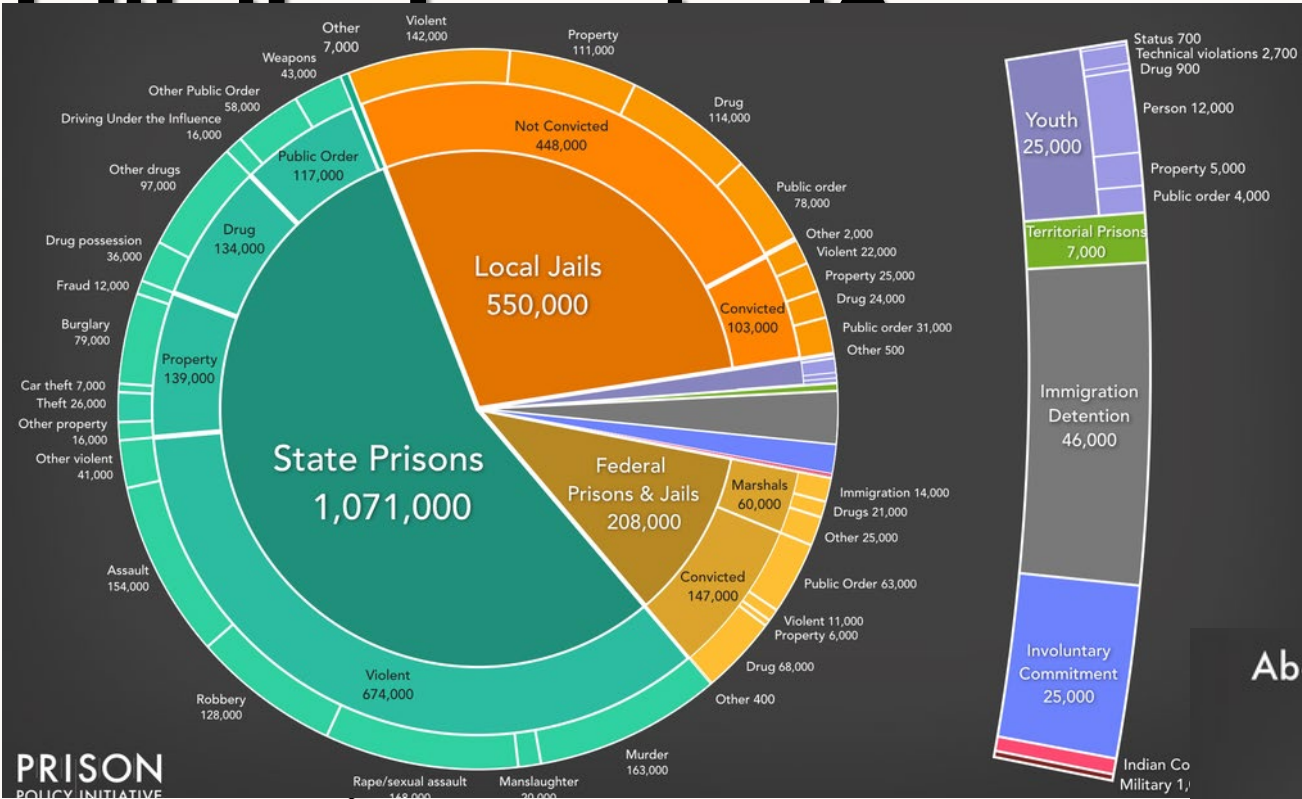
As a collaborative project, Delaware Center for Justice and Read Aloud Delaware are responsible for recruiting, providing, and training the staff and volunteers to facilitate the RIRO Program within DOC facilities, while DOC determines eligibility and recruits parent participants for the program.

In addition, Delaware Center for Justice serves as the liaison between Read Aloud Delaware and the DOC and is responsible for all other aspects of programming.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- ✓ Complete volunteer interest form
- ✓ Complete DOC security clearance application
- ✓ Attend facility specific security briefing
- ✓ Attend RIRO volunteer orientation with DCJ
- ✓ Shadow site lead/DCJ Program Coordinator
- ✓ Ready for action!

RIRO Program... why is this



Nearly half of the people in state prison are parents of minor children, and about 1 in 5 of those children are age 4 or younger. Between 1991 and 2016, the latest year for which national data is available, the number of fathers in prison increased 48% and the number of mothers increased 96%.

Historically, nearly 10 million young people have had a mother, father—or both—spend time in incarceration. Today, close to 2.7 million children or 1 in 28 have an incarcerated parent.

Over 1.9 million people are confined behind the walls and bars of the 6,300 correctional and detention facilities in the United States.

About half of people in state prisons are parents to children under 18

In fact, there are as many children with a parent in prison as there are adults in prison.

1,248,300 ADULTS IN STATE PRISONS NATIONWIDE

1,252,100 MINOR CHILDREN WITH A PARENT IN STATE PRISON

Legend:
 = about 50,000 adults in prison
 = about 50,000 minor children

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics' Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016 and Parents in Prison and their Minor Children.

PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE

RIRO Program... why is this initiative

important?

The number of children impacted by parental incarceration... MORE THAN 2.7 MILLION. 1 in 28 young people whose lives have been touched by incarceration experience a multitude of challenges:

Interruption of Parent-Child Attachment / Bonds

Academic & Cognitive Challenges

lower educational achievement + impaired teacher-student relationships + attention deficits + speech and language, and learning disabilities

Psychological Strain & Antisocial Behavior

fear + anxiety + loneliness + anger + depression

Traumatic Loss

stigma + shame

HOWEVER, as research suggests, the strength or weakness of the parent-child bond can play a significant role in children's ability to overcome these challenges.

Despite the circumstances, that is parental incarceration, parent's ability to read aloud to their children, not only allows them the opportunity to support their child's cognitive development, and improve their communication and parenting skills, but also helps them to develop and strengthen their bond with the children from a distance.

RIRO Program

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Some other

benefits

Provides healthy parent-child interactions when it may not be possible to do so by any other means

parents' involvement with their children's educational activities, particularly reading, translates into increased interest and, ultimately, academic success

For incarcerated parents, reading programs provide an opportunity to reestablish parental roles, reassure the children of their continued love, and encourage the children's reading behavior

cognitive and behavioral benefits of reading aloud to children

RIRO Program... **how is the program supported?**





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HELPING TO MEND,
STRENGTHEN, AND
MAINTAIN PARENT-
CHILD BONDS AND
RELATIONSHIPS!

Supporting parents in their
efforts to improve
communication with their
children in a meaningful
way!



HELPING TO
DEVELOP
INTEREST &
ENTHUSIASM FOR
READING!

Putting books in the hands of our
future leaders!

SUPPORTING
ADULT AND
CHILD
LITERACY!
Supporting academic success!

SUPPORTING
CHILDREN'S COGNITIVE
DEVELOPMENT!

Supporting efforts to break the cycle of
incarceration and reduce recidivism!

RINO Program... **When + where?**



Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI)

660 Baylor Blvd, New Castle DE

THIRD Monday of the month
12:30PM – 2:30PM

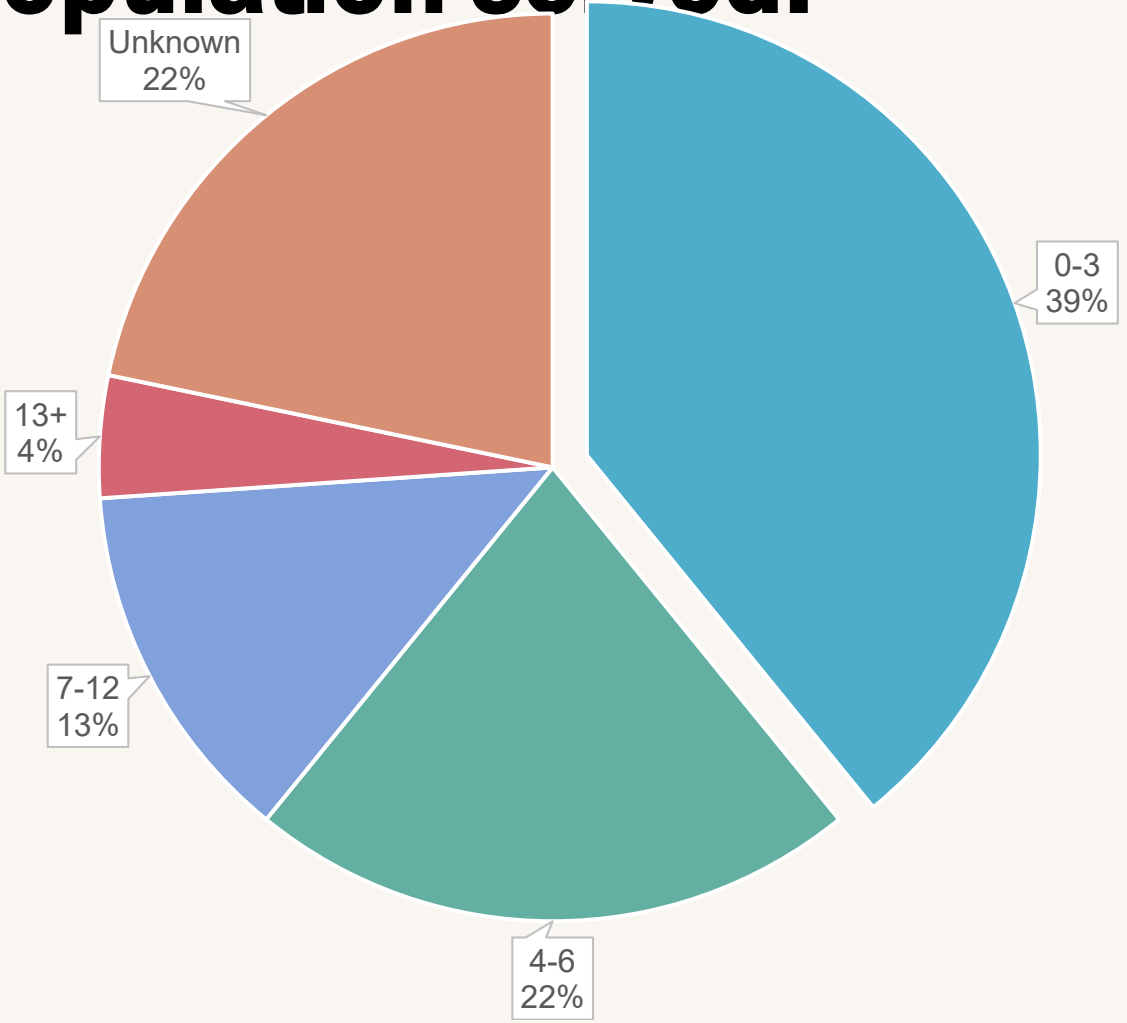
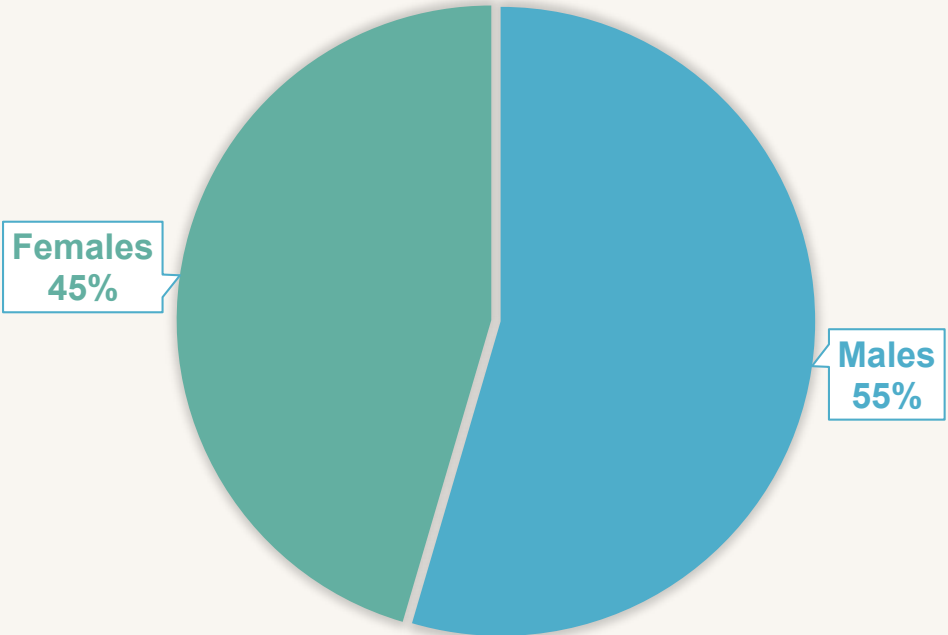
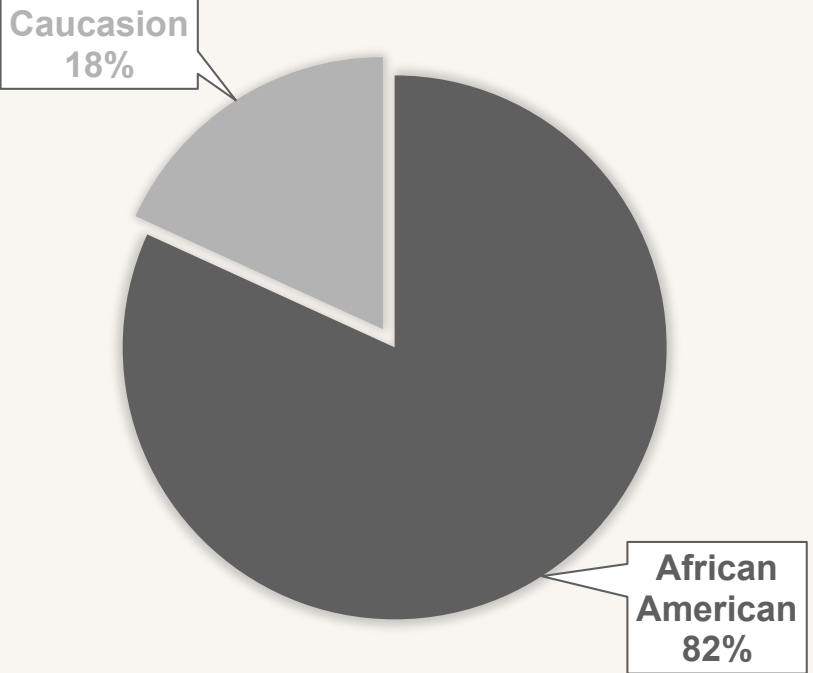
Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI)

1301 E 12th Street, Wilmington DE

SECOND + FOURTH Monday of the month
12:30PM – 2:30PM **subject to change

RIRO Program...

population served.





THANK YOU!!

**Any
Questions?**