



Integrating Early Childhood Into CBCAP Programs

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Integrating Early Childhood with Community- Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Programs

Setting Goals, Creating Pathways, and Committing to Family Strengthening

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Background and Purpose

The Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) was established by the Iowa Legislature in 1982

Build stronger families and reduce the incidence of abuse through targeted support to families and communities across Iowa



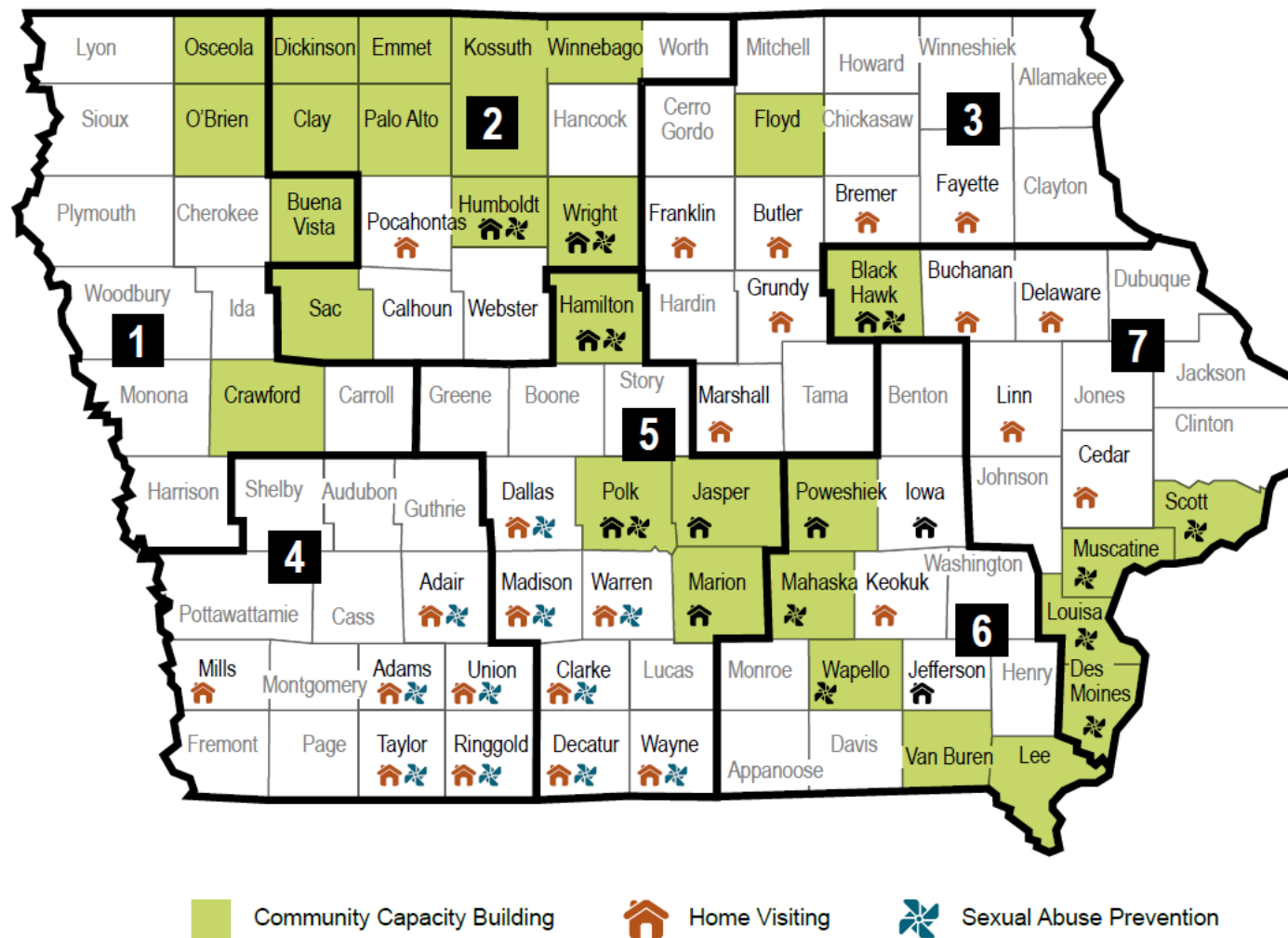
Integrating Early Childhood

Strengthen service collaboration to provide a connected array of options for families to help them be healthy and successful

Listening sessions data (trend comparisons completed 4/29/2024)

- All communities identified the crisis with an increased need to support critical basic needs for families
- Educational resources and prevention strategies are necessary resources
- Service coordination should be timely, effective, efficient, progressive, and include follow-up

ICAPP Projects FY26-FY28



What is Community Capacity Building (CCB)?

- Community led and community focused
 - Connects families with nearby resources
 - Pairs concrete goods with participation in parent education groups
 - Increases community events to build social networks for families
 - Strengthens collaboration to provide a continuum of prevention and early intervention services

Rose - Success



- Iowa's Community Capacity Building efforts show a strong trajectory of growth.
- Programs are expanding collaborations, strengthening protective factors, and reporting clear successes in family engagement and support.
- In FY26, there were 125 Community-Wide Events, and 701 Group Parent Education families served across CCB projects.

Bud - Evolving



- As these projects continue to evolve, the statewide narrative is one of communities working creatively and collaboratively to build environments where families feel connected, supported, and empowered.
- Reflections highlight both the promise and the complexity of this work
- Multiple pathways for shared learning and next steps across the state

Thorn- Challenges



- Statewide challenges include:
 - Housing
 - Staffing
 - Engagement
 - System capacity
- Requires sustained attention and collective problem-solving

Why Infusing Early Childhood and Family Services System Matters

Early experiences shape lifelong health, learning, and well-being

Families need coordinated supports during critical early years

Strong systems promote opportunity

Integration and collective impact leads to better outcomes

Establishing Core Services

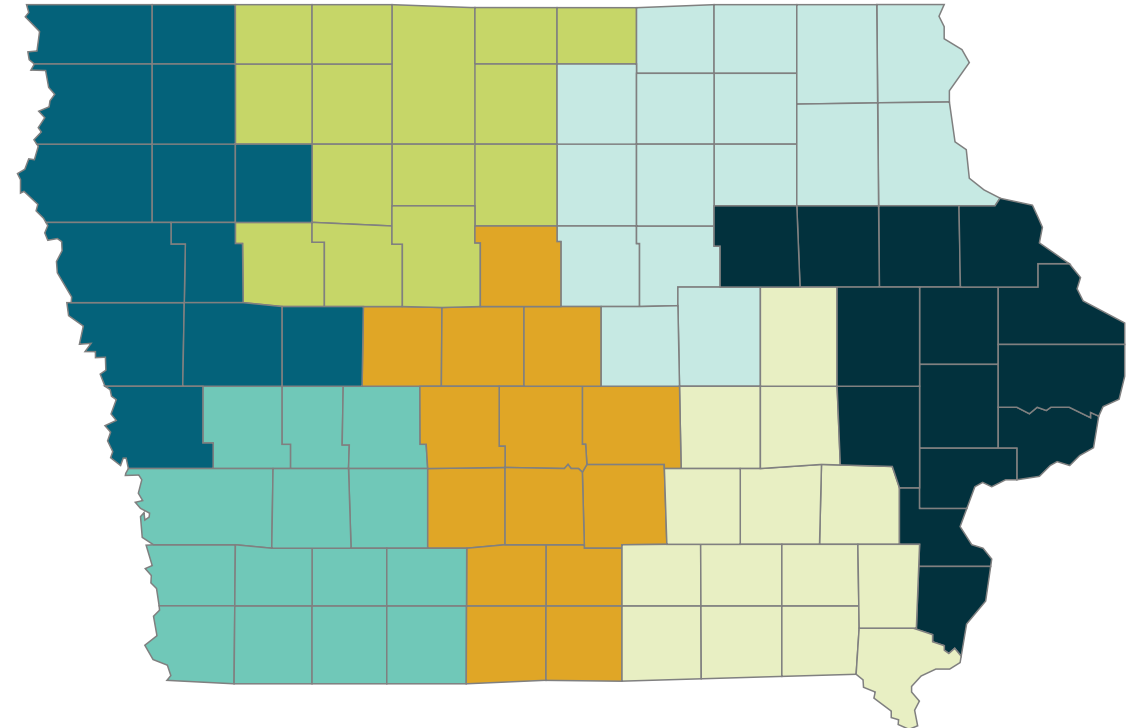
Resource navigation

Family support and home visiting

Parent assistance programs

Career coaching for families

Future state: family resource centers



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Collective Impact

Inspiring Action in Our Communities

Start with a shared vision

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Build relationships across sectors

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Commit to continuous learning and improvement

Functions, Relationships and Outcomes

Build the system around families, not agencies

- Connect families to services (Outreach)
- Identify risks and strengths (Screen and assess)
- Provide support (Direct services)
- Track outcomes (Data and evaluation)

Moving Forward

A strong start leads to a strong future

Together, we can create a system that works for Iowa's families



Questions

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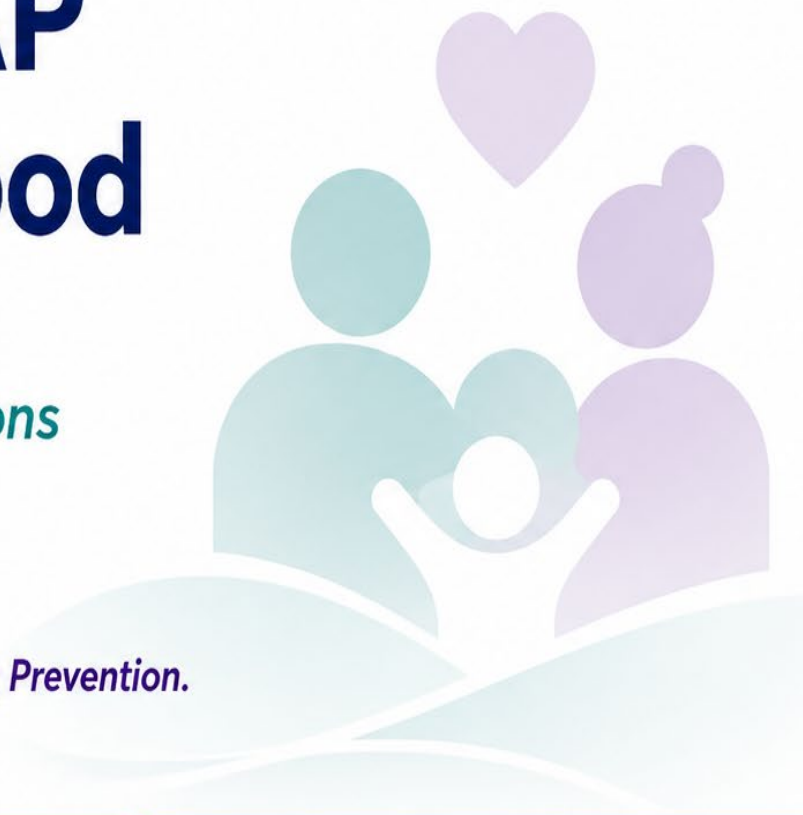


Integrating CBCAP with Early Childhood

*Connecticut's Collaboration with
Men's and Women's Correctional Institutions*



Keeping Children Connected. Supporting Families. Advancing Prevention.



Our Mission

Connecticut Office of Early Childhood

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To partner with families of young children to advance opportunities to participate in early childhood policies, funding, and programs; support early learning and development; and strengthen the critical role of all families, providers, educators, and communities throughout a child's life. We will build upon the strengths of all families and communities to ensure fair access to OEC resources.

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Partnering with Families

Families are centered as key partners in shaping early childhood opportunities and supports.



Early Learning & Development

OEC supports young children's learning, growth, and development through programs and resources.

Our History

Connecticut Office of Early Childhood



1 The OEC was created to improve the delivery of early childhood services for children in Connecticut.



2 It is a distinct, cabinet-level agency.



3 It incorporated early childhood programs previously from the Departments of Education, Social Services, Board of Regents, Developmental Services, and Public Health.



4 Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed Public Act 14-39 establishing the Office of Early Childhood on May 28, 2014.

Our Vision

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All young children in Connecticut are safe, healthy, learning, and thriving. Each child is surrounded by a strong network of nurturing adults who deeply value the importance of the first years of a child's life and have the skills, knowledge, support, and passion to meet the unique needs of every child.

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Safe & Healthy

Every child grows up in safe, healthy environments.



Learning & Thriving

Every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.



Surrounded by Nurturing Adults

Every child is surrounded by caring adults who value, support, and champion their unique needs.

What We Do

Connecticut Office of Early Childhood



Early Care & Education

Supports high-quality early learning settings, child care programs, and school readiness efforts for young children across Connecticut.



Home Visiting & Family Support

Connects expectant families and caregivers with home visiting, parenting support, and early childhood resources that strengthen child and family well-being.



CBCAP & Prevention

Leads Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention efforts and other primary prevention strategies that help families build protective factors and reduce risk.



Workforce & Professional Development

Strengthens the early childhood workforce through training, technical assistance, quality improvement, and professional learning opportunities.



Family Partnership & Access

Partners with families and communities to improve access, support family voice, and connect children to the services they need to thrive.



Supporting children, families, and communities through prevention, partnership, and early childhood services.



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Women in Connecticut Correctional Facilities

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STATEWIDE FACTS



848

women incarcerated
in CT DOC facilities

April 1, 2026



8%

of CT's incarcerated
population is female

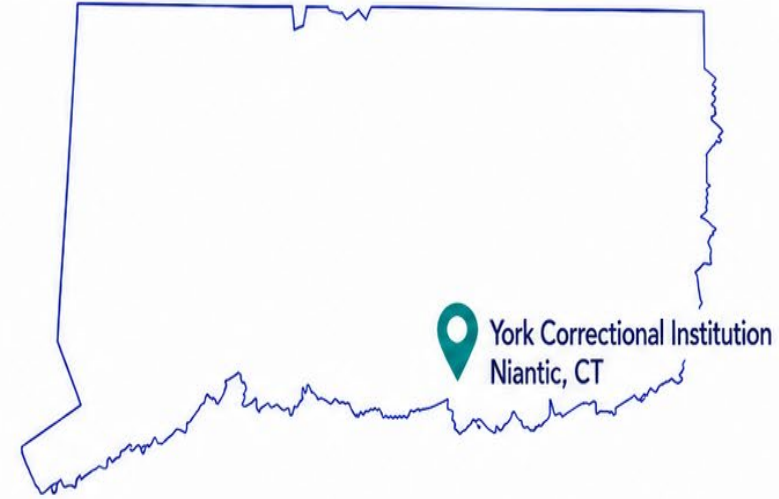
848 of 10,752 total



80%

historical estimate
of incarcerated
women who
are mothers*

YORK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION



FACILITY & PROGRAMMING



York Correctional Institution

Connecticut's only women's correctional institution. Located in Niantic. OEC-supported programming strengthens family connection and child well-being and includes parenting and attachment support, Circle of Security groups, child-friendly visitation efforts, doula services for incarcerated women, pregnancy and postpartum supports, and connections to community-based services.

Currently serving: 848 women

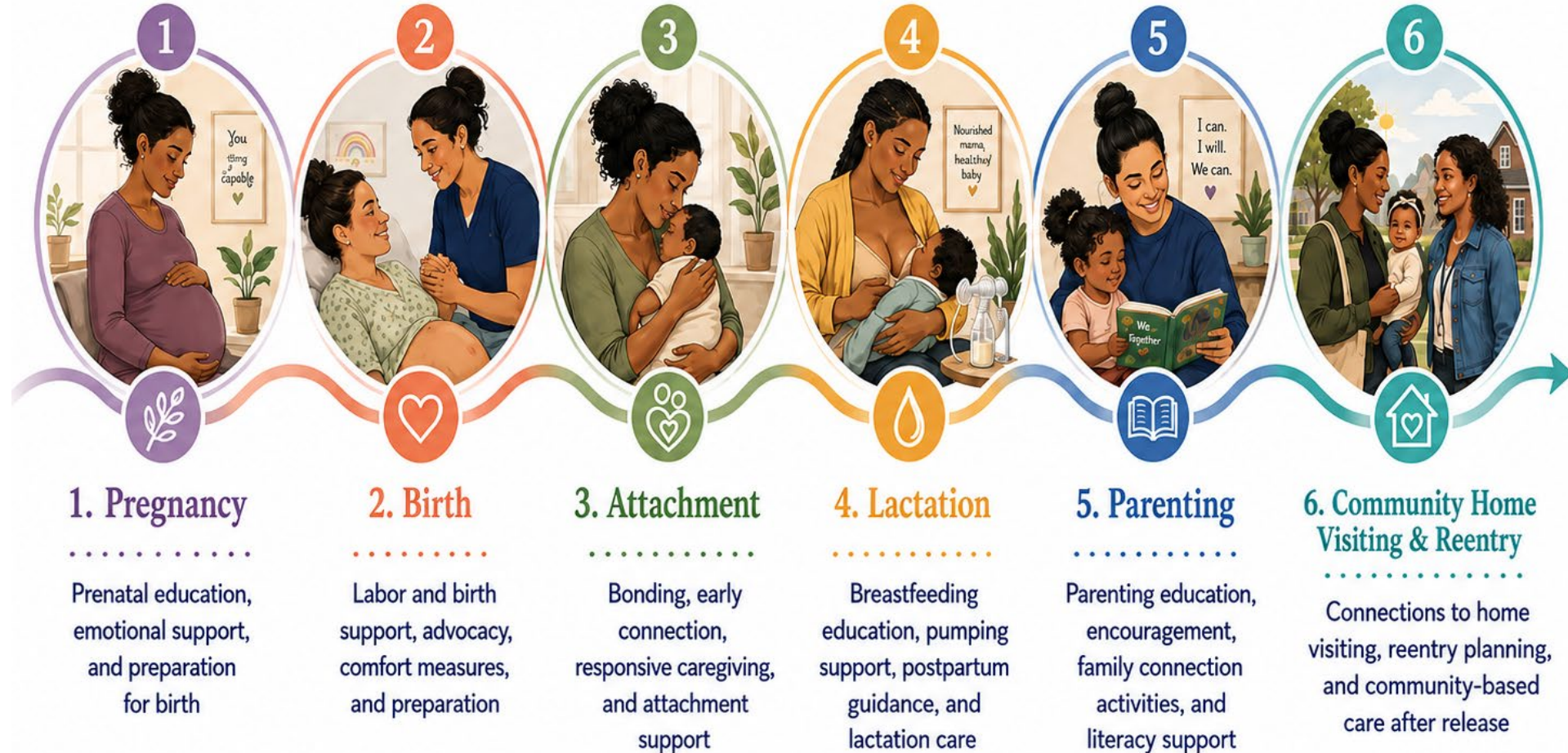
Connecticut Department of Correction. (2026). York Correctional Institution programs and services. State of Connecticut.



Current OEC women's programming site:
York Correctional Institution, Niantic, Connecticut.

A Continuum of Support at York Correctional Institution

OEC-supported doula work connects care from pregnancy through reentry.



This work creates a continuum of care that supports mothers, babies, and families before, during, and after incarceration.

Dignity in Birth: No-Shackling Policy at York Correctional Institution

Cross-system collaboration to protect mothers, infants, and safe childbirth



A collaborative
policy shift centered
dignity, safety, and
support during
childbirth.

A cross-system subcommittee helped institute a no-shackling policy for incarcerated women giving birth.



A **cross-system subcommittee** worked together to improve childbirth care for incarcerated women.



Partners included Connecticut Department of Correction leadership, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood leadership, hospital staff, York social workers, and OEC staff.



The **group helped institute** a no-shackling policy for women during labor and birth.



The **policy promotes** dignity, safety, trauma-informed care, and healthier birth experiences for mothers and babies.



OEC-supported doula services help women feel supported, informed, and connected during childbirth.



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Doula Support in the Birthing Room

Empowered From Within: Perinatal Support for Incarcerated Parents in Connecticut



OEC-supported doulas provide emotional support, comfort, and advocacy during labor and birth.



Doula care helps mothers feel seen, supported, and treated with dignity during childbirth.



This support strengthens continuity of care from pregnancy through postpartum and reentry.



Why It Matters



Promotes dignity and compassionate care



Reduces fear and isolation during birth



Supports healthier beginnings for mothers and babies

Circle of Security at York Correctional Institution

Attachment-based parenting support for incarcerated mothers and families



An 8-week Circle of Security group

is facilitated by a doula and birth educator for women at York Correctional Institution.



The group helps mothers better understand children's emotional needs, cues, and attachment behaviors.



Participants build reflective parenting skills, strengthen confidence, and explore ways to create secure connections despite separation.



Circle of Security supports nurturing relationships, healthy child development, and family connection during incarceration and reentry.



Women leave with practical tools, increased support, and hope for stronger bonds with their children.



Why It Matters

Attachment-focused parenting support helps preserve mother-child connection, reduces trauma, and supports healthier family relationships.

World Breastfeeding Week: Cross-System Leadership

Supporting mothers, infants, and family-centered care through partnership



At Hartford Hospital's World Breastfeeding Week event on August 4, 2026, partners highlighted Connecticut's support for incarcerated mothers and infants.



The group included the Department of Correction commissioner, Connecticut's lieutenant governor, the OEC Family Support Services director, the doula and parent educator, and a former inmate who participated in the program.



This collaboration reflects the shared commitment of DOC, OEC, hospital partners, and community supports to maternal health, breastfeeding support, dignity, and continuity of care.



The event spotlighted how cross-system partnerships strengthen outcomes for mothers, babies, and families impacted by incarceration.



Why It Matters | Breastfeeding support, maternal health, and collaborative leadership help build healthier beginnings for babies and stronger support systems for mothers.



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Men in Connecticut Correctional Facilities

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STATEWIDE FACTS



9,874

men incarcerated in
CT DOC facilities

June 1, 2026



92%

of CT's incarcerated
population is male

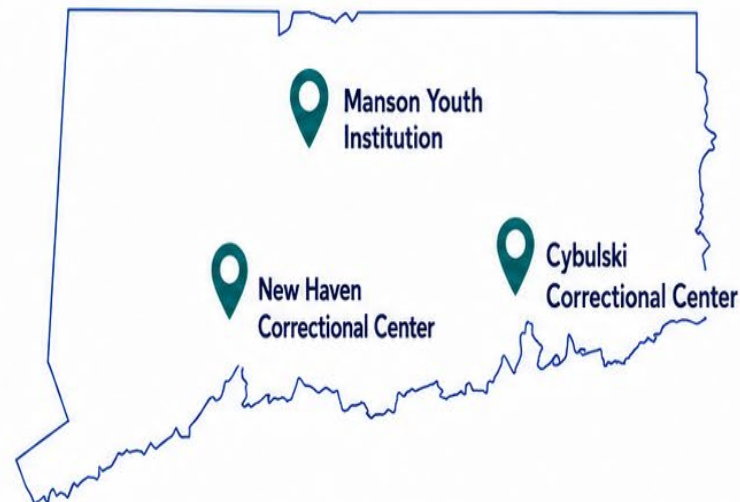
9,874 of 10,752 total



5,000+

estimated
fathers

FACILITIES WITH OEC FATHERHOOD PROGRAMMING



FACILITIES & PROGRAMMING



Manson Youth Institution

Connecticut's secure facility for justice-involved young men. OEC programming supports fatherhood engagement through letter writing, parenting support, and positive family connection activities.

Currently serving: 278 men



New Haven Correctional Center

Primarily a pretrial facility for adult men. OEC programming supports father-child connection, parenting engagement, and family-friendly visitation activities.

Currently serving: 495 men



Cybulski Correctional Center

Located in Enfield, this facility offers strong programming and reentry supports. OEC programming includes fatherhood workshops, family activities, and visitation supports.

Currently serving: 597 men

Fatherhood Services Across Connecticut Men's Correctional Facilities

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01

PARTNERSHIP & PLANNING

- OEC, DOC, and community collaboration
- Shared goals and ongoing coordination
- Quarterly meetings and planning



02

VIRTUAL EFFORTS

- Online learning and virtual workshops
- Virtual visits with children
- Letter writing and connection-building



03

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 24/7 Dads
- Manhood Tree
- Co-parenting
- Saturday series / parenting workshops



04

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Child-friendly visitation rooms
- Smart boards / tablets
- Children's books and family resources



05

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Graduations
- Family dance
- Movie night
- Books and shared reading



06

IN-FACILITY SUPPORTS

- Parenting support inside facilities
- Family connection activities
- Joint visits and support for strengthening parent-child bonds



SERVING FATHERS AT THREE CONNECTICUT MEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



MANSON YOUTH
INSTITUTION



NEW HAVEN
CORRECTIONAL CENTER



CYBULSKI
CORRECTIONAL CENTER

OEC

CONNECTICUT OFFICE
OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



Stronger Fathers. Stronger Families. Stronger Communities.



Family Connection & Visitation

Child-Friendly Spaces. Stronger Families. Brighter Futures.



Improving Visitation. Investing in Children.

- ♥ Through a CBCAP-funded project, the Office of Early Childhood provided funding to the **Connecticut men's correctional institutions** to enhance the child/parent visitation room and make it more welcoming and **child-friendly**.
- ♥ This investment transformed the space into a warm, engaging environment where children feel safe, supported, and valued. The room now features child-sized furniture, books, toys, colorful décor, and interactive areas that encourage play and positive interaction.
- ♥ By making visits more comfortable for children, we are **strengthening family bonds** and helping build **brighter futures**—together.



CHILD-FRIENDLY VISITATION SPACES



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Infant Safety & Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention

Practical fatherhood education that helps fathers keep babies safe.



Training at Cybulski Correctional Center

- Male home visitors provided hands-on infant safety training for incarcerated fathers.
- Training focused on shaken baby syndrome prevention / abusive head trauma prevention.
- Fathers learned safe infant handling, soothing techniques, and calming responses to crying.
- The goal was to build confidence, practical caregiving skills, and safer parent-child interactions.



Training Tools

- Infant simulation dolls
- Demonstration materials and guided instruction
- Practice-based learning and discussion



Why It Matters

- Helps fathers recognize stress and respond safely.
- Supports healthy caregiving and infant well-being.
- Strengthens parenting knowledge before reunification and family contact.



Supporting safe caregiving. Strengthening fathers. Protecting babies.

Strengthening Families. Building Futures.

Supporting Connection, Parenting, and Positive Outcomes.



First Family Dance at Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution

- ♥ Inmates and their children gathered for the first family dance in a new program at Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution.
- ♥ This initiative creates meaningful opportunities for connection, strengthens relationships, and supports the well-being of children and families.
- ♥ Moments like these help build lasting bonds and inspire hope for brighter futures—together.



Male Home Visitors at Cybulski Correctional Center

- ♥ A dedicated team of male home visitors provides support and guidance to fathers during incarceration.
- ♥ They help strengthen parenting skills, encourage positive family connections, and prepare fathers for successful reunification.
- ♥ This work supports safer families and stronger communities across Connecticut.



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The Man Tree

*Reflection, healing, and fatherhood growth
across Connecticut's men's correctional institutions.*



- OEC facilitates the Man Tree across the three male institutions.



- The group invites men to reflect on their journey from boyhood to manhood.



- Conversations explore identity, fatherhood, **child development**, trauma, relationships, and personal growth.



- The experience creates space for open dialogue, healing, and peer support.



Current Sites

- Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution
- Manson Youth Institute
- New Haven Correctional Center

Why It Matters



**Builds
stronger
fathers**



**Deepens
understanding of
child development**



**Strengthens
family
relationships**



**Supports healthier
outcomes for
children**



NM CBPIR Program

Integrating Early Childhood with CBCAP

via

Primary Prevention and Family Support Service Model

CBCAP Annual Grantee Meeting

September 2026

What is New Mexico's CBPIR Program?

- **The Acronym:** Community-Based Prevention, Intervention, and Reunification.
- **Statewide Footprint:** Active across 30 New Mexico counties via deeply rooted local non-profit partners.
- **The Funding Shift:** Administered strictly via standardized, legally binding Provider Agreements with CYFD, entirely bypassing traditional discretionary grant structures.
- **The Target Scope:** Spans a complete continuum from universal public outreach to in-home family stabilization for households with children aged Birth to 17.

Two-Pronged CBCAP Funding Strategy

Primary Prevention

Primary Prevention Service (Universal)

Broad Public Outreach

De-stigmatizing Support

Community Connections

Family Support Service Model

Family Support Services (FSS)

Low-Barrier Case Management

Voluntary Self-Referrals

6-Month In-Home Stabilization

Primary Prevention Service: Data-Driven Outreach



- **The 3-Event Mandate:**
Providers must coordinate three community child abuse prevention events annually per county served.
- **The April Field Collaboration:**
One major event every April must be co-designed with the local CYFD Protective Services field office.
- **Demographic Compliance Review via Census Data:**
Public awareness activities must be actively compared against local Census data to target community landscape.

Family Support Services (FSS)

- **The Universal Entryway:** Anyone can refer a family—including self-referrals from parents or warm hand-offs from early childhood educators.
- **Time-Bound Structure:** Delivered for up to 6 months in the home, with a structured pre-discharge review and a formal 60-day state extension track, if needed.
- **The Clinical Firewall Protection:** Families cannot be required to complete diagnostic intakes or mental health screenings to access FSS case management or concrete supports.

Tiered Case Management

- **Phase I: Intake & Engagement**

- Key Tasks: Warm hand-offs, intake screening, CFA, and initial formal SDM safety assessment.
- Modality: Motivational Interviewing (MI) initiated immediately to build rapport.
- Visit Frequency: Mandatory weekly face-to-face home visits.

- **Phase II: Implementation**

- Key Tasks: Active parenting curriculum delivery, ongoing Family Plan goal monitoring, and safety network coordination.
- Visit Frequency: Minimum twice monthly for standard tracks.

- **Phase III: Mastery & Sustainability**

- Key Tasks: Goal mastery tracking, parenting curriculum graduation, and final Family Plan Review.
- Visit Frequency: Standard tracks taper to monthly

Note: Frequencies are flexible based on family needs and progress.

Measuring Growth

- Safety and the FRIENDS Portal Data Loop
- Contractual Success Metrics for FSS

Metric Area	Enforceable Target Benchmark	Data Validation Source
Child Safety Standard	93% of families remain free from substantiated maltreatment during and 6 months post-service.	State Case Management Logs
Permanency Standard	93% of children avoid foster care entry during and 6 months post-service.	State Placement Tracking
Curriculum Fidelity	80% completion rate of evidence-based parenting models.	Provider Monthly Data Logs
Federal Reporting Lift	50% of families complete the Retrospective Survey (at discharge or after ≥12 hours of service).	Vendor FRIENDS Portal

Key Takeaways

- **Contractual Uniformity:** Shift from flexible discretionary grants to standardized Provider Agreements to secure statewide program fidelity.
- **Low-Barrier Access:** Establish a rigid Clinical Firewall to eliminate parental fear and protect prevention program eligibility.
- **Continuous Safety Integration:** Mandate informal safety evaluations at *every single contact* with 24-hour formal reassessment triggers.
- **Data Accountability:** Enforce direct-entry requirements for the FRIENDS portal to capture true family growth and protect reporting loops.



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