



A Mother's Message of Love

Children who have a parent in prison are among the highest risk population in our nation.

2.7 million children in the United States have a parent in the criminal justice system.

2/3 of these children live in poverty.

75% of imprisoned women are mothers.

89% of imprisoned men are fathers.

The child of an incarcerated parent is **6** times more likely to become involved in the criminal justice system.

Carolyn LeCroy and her team conduct workshops on the effects of parental incarceration and have been guest speakers at many national conferences. They are available for your organization too! Contact us if you would like to know more.

Helping children – the world's most precious resource – stay connected to their incarcerated parents.

The Messages Project has recorded more than 9,000 video messages for incarcerated parents to send home with a book for their children.

About Us

The Messages Project is in 14 institutions (for both men and women) in **Virginia**.

We are also in partnership with **Redeeming the Family** in **Oklahoma**, where The Messages Project is in many men's and women's institutions across the state. This program is expanding each year.

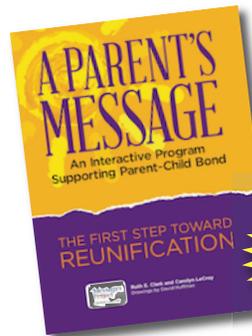
The Messages Project has a partner in **Nebraska, Christian Heritage**, which records messages in all facilities (for both men and women). Our program has also spread into **Missouri**, where we are continuously growing.

The Messages Project has done videos for fathers in **California**, and both **New York** and **New Jersey** are looking to partner with us to assist their children of incarcerated parents. As of August 2013, the project has gone international, having moved into **Malawi**.

In 2008, Messages Project Founder **Carolyn LeCroy** was named one the **CNN Top Ten Heroes** for her ongoing work with children of incarcerated parents.

She also received the **Governor's Volunteer of The Year Award** in 2010. The Senate and House of Delegates have also recognized Carolyn's work through a **State Declaration**. In 2013, she

released an interactive book for incarcerated parents and their families.



Book Now Available!

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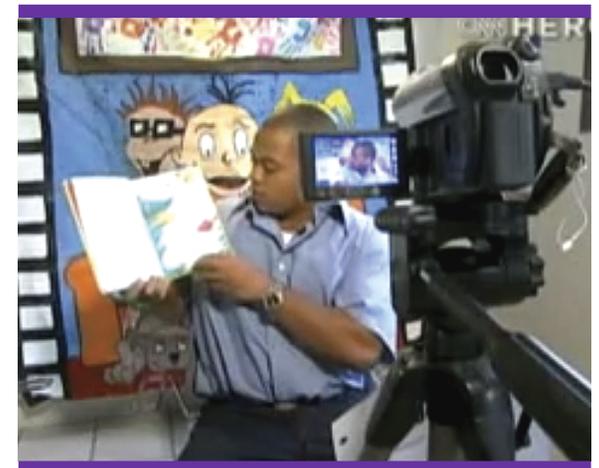
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The Messages Project

**Creating messages. Mending hearts.
Rebuilding families.**



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The children of incarcerated parents are the silent victims of their parents' crimes.

Our Mission

Healthy parental connections are essential to a child's development. Children are the silent victims of their parent's crime through the trauma and loss of the environment that has been their life. When a child's parent is incarcerated and a healthy connection is maintained, it reduces the child's risk for social, emotional, and educational problems. For the incarcerated parent, family connection decreases the likelihood of recidivism. Maintaining and enhancing the bond between the child and the incarcerated parent through video messages and other interactive media are the focal points of The Messages Project.

The Messages Project has recorded more than 9,000 video messages, which are sent to the children along with a book the parent has read to them. The Moms and Dads also write poems, sing songs, pray, and most importantly, send love to their children and families.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately 2.7 million children have one or both parents in the criminal justice system.



A Kiss For Daddy

Testimonials

"I am 17-years-old and when my dad went to prison, I was sad and depressed. I haven't seen him in a long time. When the DVD message and book arrived, I was emotional, but happy that I could see my dad. It felt like we were in the same room together. This is a great program!"

~ A Message Recipient

"The Messages helped restore my relationship with my little girl, send her my hugs, and without this, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to talk to her and tell her I love her. The Messages Project is touching many lives. May it grow and continue!"

~ An Incarcerated Father

"My 9-year-old grandson always felt bad around Father's Day when other kids talked about their dads at school. He was depressed, anxious, and had school problems. Now from the DVD, he's happy to see he has a father. He feels more complete to know he's loved."

~ Grandmother of a Message Recipient

"I had the opportunity to work with The Messages Project to make a video for my child. I am happy to say it was a great, yet emotional experience. It gave me and my daughter a chance to stay connected."

~ A Formerly Incarcerated Mother

Donations

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and help cover costs related to filming equipment, travel expenses, and postage. If you would like to help, please complete the form below and send it with your check or money order (made payable to The Messages Project) to:

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