

# BE SURE YOUR CHILD IS CARED FOR AND SAFE

## Resource Sheet for Incarcerated Parents and Their Children's Caregivers

### TELL YOUR CHILD'S CAREGIVER ABOUT THESE PLACES WHERE YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS CAN GET HELP

#### LIFT

**Website:** [www.LIFTonline.org](http://www.LIFTonline.org)

**Statewide Hotline:** 212-343-1122  
(accepts collect calls from parents in jail or prison)

**Email via web:** [www.LIFThotline.org](http://www.LIFThotline.org)

Legal information about Family Court and family law;  
Referrals to social and legal services; Receive intensive  
legal and social work services at the Family LegalCenter;  
Multilingual Legal Resource Guides

#### NYS Kinship Navigator

**Website:** [www.nysnavigator.org](http://www.nysnavigator.org)

**Toll-free Phone:** 877-454-6463

**Email:** [navigator@nysnavigator.org](mailto:navigator@nysnavigator.org)

Learn about county-specific help; Talk to a KinshipSpecialist;  
Access legal fact sheets; Referrals to agencies  
and professionals

#### The Osborne Association

**Website:** [www.osborneny.org](http://www.osborneny.org)

**Family Resource Center:** 800-344-3314

**Phone:** 718-637-6560

**Email:** [info@osborneny.org](mailto:info@osborneny.org)

Court advocacy, drug treatment, employment and family  
service; Visiting assistance and counseling

#### Prisoners' Legal Services of New York: Family Matters Unit

**Address:** 41 State St, Suite M112, Albany, NY 12207

**Phone:** 518-438-8046

Assists incarcerated parents who were convicted in the  
counties of Albany, Bronx, Erie, Kings, Nassau, New York,  
Queens or Richmond (or have children living in those  
counties); Maintains family ties during incarceration and  
assists with child support orders

#### Women's Prison Association

**Website:** [www.wpaonline.org](http://www.wpaonline.org)

**Phone:** 646-292-7740

Get direct assistance for criminal justice  
involved women

### ALSO TELL YOUR CHILD'S CAREGIVER ABOUT THESE RESOURCES

#### Financial Help for Your Child

Your child's caregiver may be able to apply for  
Temporary Assistance (often called child-only  
grants) that provides monthly cash assistance to  
be used for the care of your child. This assistance  
is based on the income and resources of your  
child, not the income of the non-parent caregivers.  
Caregivers may also be able to apply for Food  
Stamps, Medicaid, childcare assistance or other  
services for your child. For more information and  
an application package, the caregiver can call  
211 (available in most counties) or visit the  
local department of social services (HRA in  
New York City).

#### Handbook for Caregivers

The New York State Handbook for Relatives  
Raising Children, *Having a Voice and a Choice*,  
discusses the various options available to  
caregivers. The handbook is available online at  
<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/publications/Pub5080.pdf>

This information sheet was prepared as part of a flyer  
to help parents who have been arrested plan for their  
children. While the flyer does not provide legal advice,  
it does explain various short- and long-term options  
that help parents plan appropriately for their children's  
care and provides information about resources that  
can be helpful to parents, their children and their  
children's caregivers.

The flyer is available on the NYS Permanent Judicial  
Commission on Justice for Children's website at  
[www.nycourts.gov/ip/justiceforchildren/  
incarceratedparents.shtml](http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/justiceforchildren/incarceratedparents.shtml).

This flyer should not take the place of speaking with a  
lawyer about your plans for your child.

You may also be eligible for a lawyer free of charge.