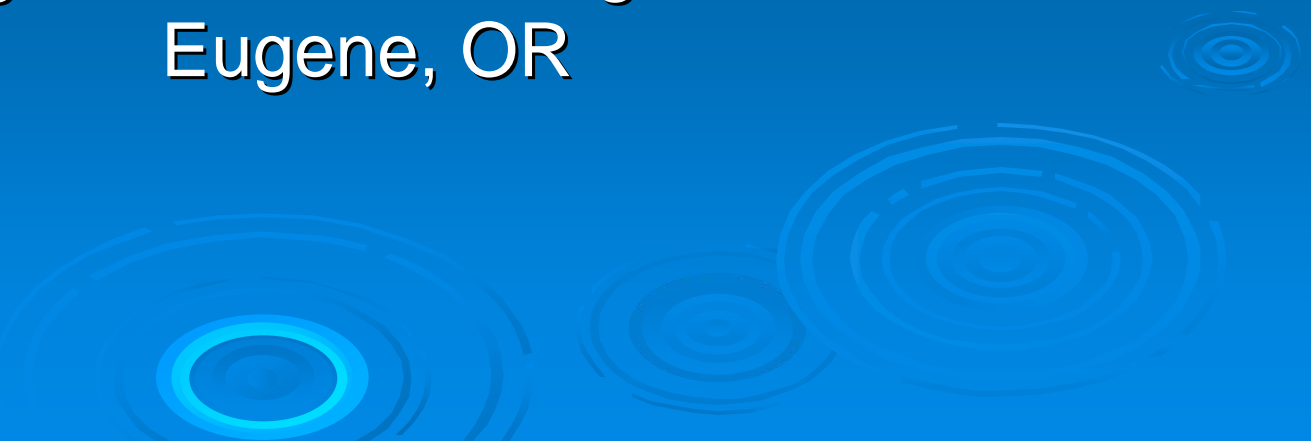


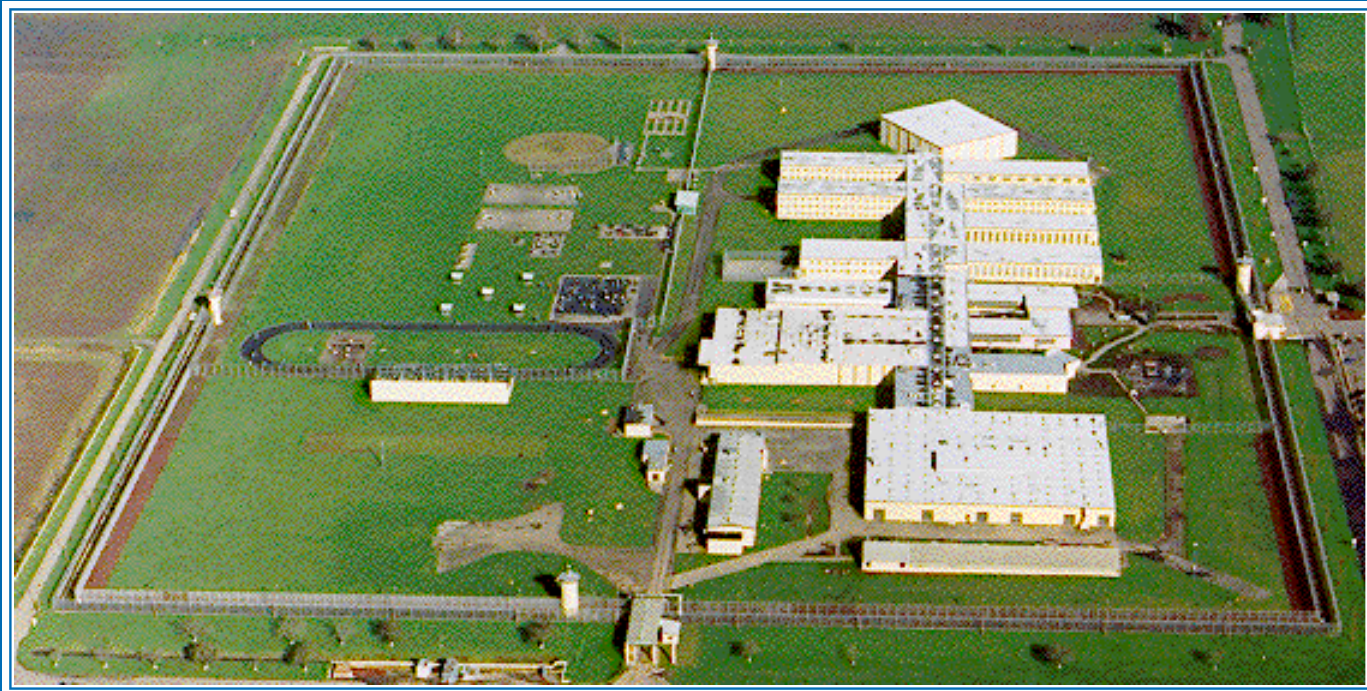
Incarcerated Parents and Their Elementary School Aged Children

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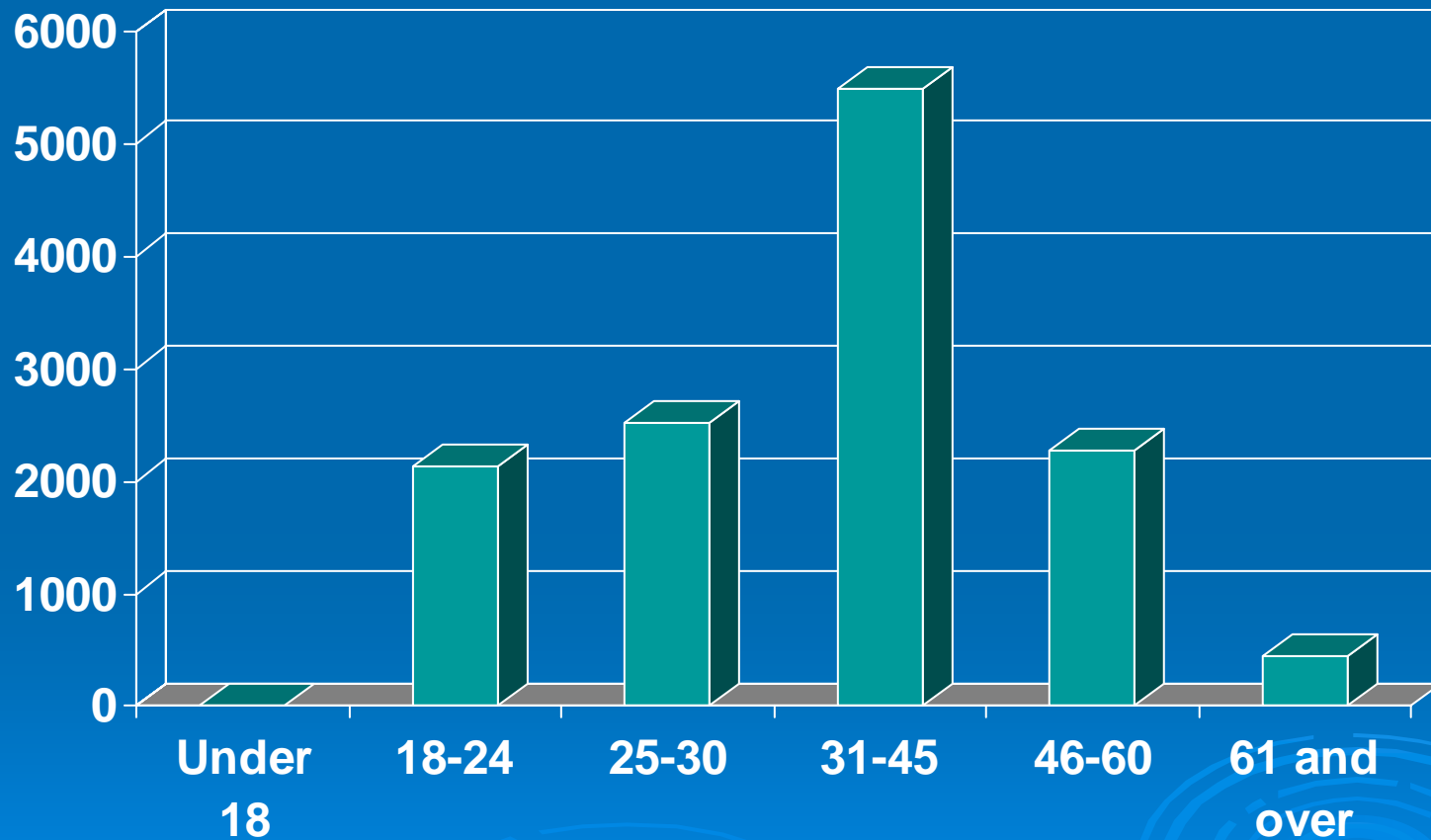








Inmate Age




Knowledge Base

- Case studies, clinical reports, advocacy articles
- A few surveys of inmates
- A few studies of children
- Longitudinal studies on antisocial behavior
- No longitudinal reports on parent incarceration to child incarceration

Developmental Context

- Tremendous variation
 - Interaction: none to extensive
 - Environment: stable to chaotic
- Most attention: Accumulation of risk
 - Poverty
 - Exposure to substance abuse
 - Exposure to domestic violence
 - Abuse, neglect
 - Instability in living situation
 - Instability in caregivers

Immediate Impacts

- Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Feelings of anger, shame, guilt
 - Aggression, acting out
 - PTSD symptoms
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Enduring Impacts

- Delinquency
- Psychiatric disorders
 - PTSD
 - Eating Disorders
- Academic failure



Life Long Impacts:
Top 5 Predictors of Violent
or Serious Delinquency
Age 6 to 11 Years

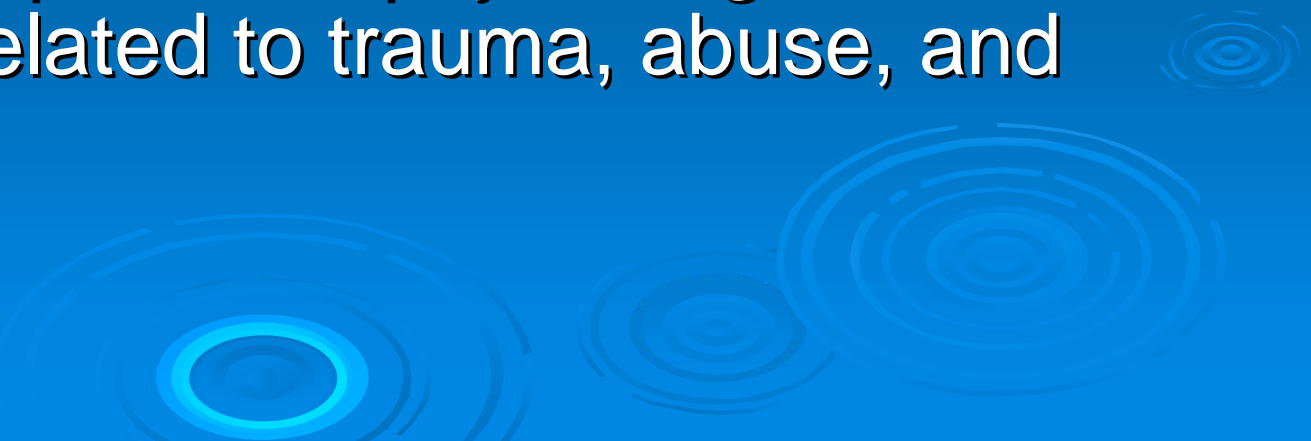
- Child offenses
- Child substance use
- Child gender (male)
- Family socioeconomic status
- **Parent antisocial behavior**

From Lipsey & Derzon (1998) synthesis.

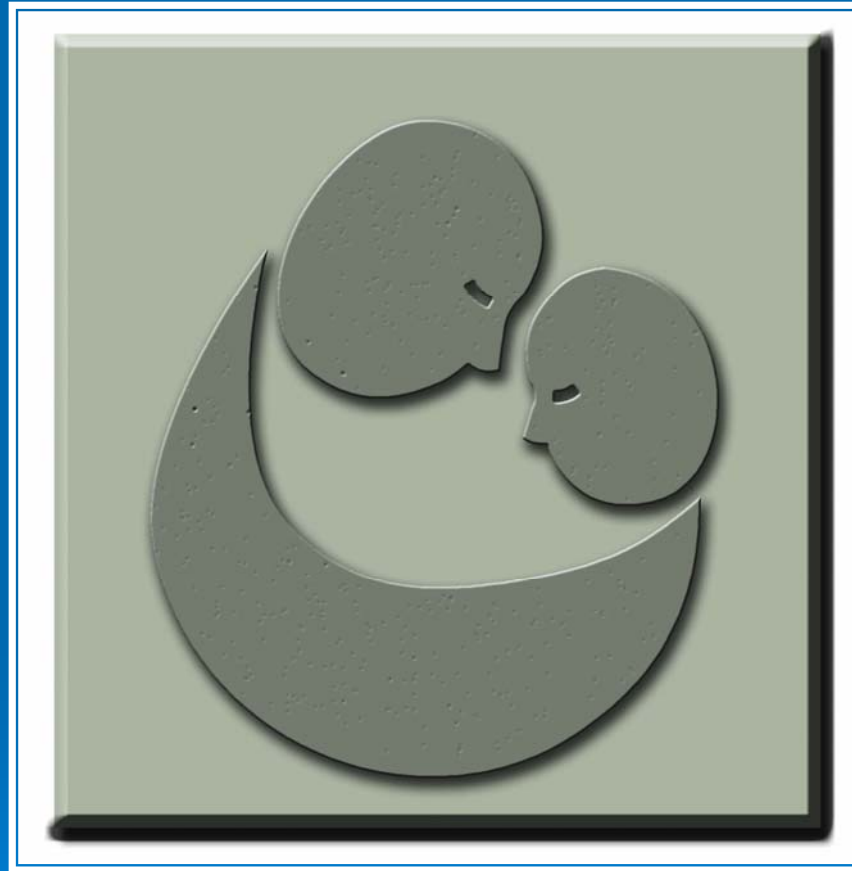
Strength of Relationship

- The children of the most antisocial parents are 3 to 6 times more likely to exhibit violent or serious delinquency during late adolescence than the children of the least antisocial parents.
- There is no evidence for the oft repeated statement that children of incarcerated parents are 6 times more likely than their peers to be incarcerated as adults.

Summary

- Some children adjust well, and may need little, if any, intervention.
 - Others may benefit from some additional support and/or therapeutic intervention.
 - Others may need intensive work around issues of separation, psychological problems related to trauma, abuse, and neglect.
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The Oregon Parent Child Study



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Parenting Inside Out (PIO)

- Created through a researcher-practitioner collaboration
- Version of evidence-based OSLC Parent Management Training
- Groups of 10 to 15 parents
- 3 hours three times per week for 12 weeks
- Delivered by system-embedded non-profit
- Lay coaches, trained and supervised
- Intervention paid for by the Oregon DOC

PIO Content

- Communication
 - Child development
 - Encouragement
 - Monitoring and supervision
 - Problem solving
 - Discipline
 - Family legacy
 - Couple relationships
 - Transition home
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PIO Process

- Basic structure for each lesson
 - Brief lectures, videos
 - Small and large group exercises
 - Role plays
 - Homework and portfolio creation
 - Individual meetings
 - Materials sent home to caregivers
 - Optional intensive caregiving exercises
 - Graduation ceremony
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Design

	White		Minority	
	PIO	Control	PIO	Control
Men	50	50	50	50
Women	50	50	50	50

Eligible Incarcerated Parents

- At least one eligible child
- Ability to participate in Oregon DOC education and training programs
- Approximately six months until release
- Have contact information for caregiver

Eligible Children

- Middle childhood age
- Biological, adopted, or step
- Incarcerated parent has legal right to contact
- Incarcerated parent served in some parenting role prior
- Incarcerated parent expects to be involved in some parenting role after release

Oregon Demographics

	General Population	Prison Population
	3,641,056	12,875 (0.3%)
Male	50%	93%
Race/ethnicity		
White	82%	77%
African Am.	2	9
Latino	10	10
Native Am.	1	2
Asian Am.	4	1

Parent Demographics

	Men	Women
N	45	55
Age	32 (6)	31 (6)
Race/ethnicity		
White	64%	60%
African Am.	13	9
Latino	0	11
Native Am.	9	7
Multi	13	9

Conviction

	Men	Women
Person Crimes	80%	29%
Types	(41)	(71)
Assault	26%	13%
ID Theft	0	18
Theft I	0	13
Del/Man Sub	9	11
Del Sub Sch	2	7
Un Use Veh	4	9
Sentence	3.2 (2.6)	1.5 (1.2)

Delinquency History

	Men	Women
Ever arrested as a youth	62%	42%
Age first arrested as youth	13.5 (2.2)	13.8 (1.8)
Number of times arrested as youth	4.6 (8.8)	2.2 (6.7)
Ever in lock-up as a youth	51%	24%
Avg. months in lock-up as youth	7.2 (17.4)	1.5 (5.0)

Criminal History

	Men	Women
Age first arrested as adult	19.5 (3.5)	24.4 (5.9)
Number of times arrested as adult	13.4 (13.5)	8.4 (10.3)
Number of times in jail as adult	10.8 (10.5)	6.7 (9.6)
Number of times in custody of Oregon DOC	1.1 (0.3)	1.8 (1.2)

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

	Men	Women
Ever experienced MH problem	22%	29%
Ever dx with MH, behavioral and/or learning problem	47	42
Ever experienced substance abuse or addiction	87	89

Education

	Men	Women
8 th grade or less	4%	5%
Some HS	31	33
GED	13	31
HS diploma	7	4
Any college degree	0	2

Employment and Income

	Men	Women
At least one job	80%	58%
Hours per week	49	40
Monthly income	\$3,147 (3,354)	\$1,506 (1,151)
Government aid	73%	86%

Children

	Men	Women
Total children	3.2 (2.2)	2.8 (1.8)
Bio children	2.2 (1.5)	2.6 (1.6)
Avg. age of all children	8.1 (3.8)	8.1 (3.3)
Target child (TC) age	7.3 (2.2)	8.2 (2.4)

Inmate-TC Relation

	Men	Women
Bio	82%	95%
Step	16	5
Adopted	2	0

TC-Inmate Contact Prior

	Men	Women
Lived with full time	36%	41%
Lived with part time	7	13
Visited several times/wk	27	15
Visited once/wk or less	9	18
Phone and/or mail	4	6
Sparse	18	7

Caregiver Relation

	Children of Men	Children of Women
Bio parent	67%	31%
Grandparent	17	46
Aunt or uncle	5	6
Foster parent	7	4

TC-Caregiver Contact Prior

	Children of Men	Children of Women
Lived with full time	77%	57%
Lived with part time	0	11
Visited several times/wk	7	24
Visited once/wk or less	5	4
Phone and/or mail	0	0
None	11	4

Conception, Pregnancy, Birth

	Children of Men	Children of Women
One or both parents under 18 at conception	27%	35%
Mother substance use during pregnancy		
Tobacco	46%	69%
Alcohol	30	36
Other drugs	34	48
Premature birth	14%	14%

Early Life

	Children of Men	Children of Women
Parent had contact during first year	78%	98%
First five years, “often” or “very often” had:		
Temper tantrums	18%	15%
Disobedient	0	11
Phys. Fights	15	13
Child age when parent first incarcerated	2.3 (2.4)	4.8 (3.0)
Child present when arrested	16%	16%

TC-Incarcerated Parent Contact During

	Children of Men	Children of Women
One Month Prior to Study		
Visits in prison	1.2 (2.0)	0.8 (1.2)
Phone calls	4.2 (7.7)	3.6 (4.9)
Parent received letters	0.8 (1.0)	1.0 (1.6)
Parent sent letters	2.5 (2.5)	4.8 (6.2)

System Contact

	Children of Men	Children of Women
Seen MH professional	27%	46%
Been dx with MH, behavioral and/or learning problem	24	13
Seen welfare caseworker	33	47
Been in foster care	22	38
State has guardianship	9	20
In foster care	9	7
Arrested by police	2	2

School

Children
of Men

Children
of Women

Parent Report

Child has been in
trouble at school

31%

18%

Child Report

Sometimes gets in
trouble at school

67%

63%

Substance Use Exposure

	Children of Men		Children of Women	
Seen substance abuse in home (parent report)	33%		49%	
Seen children using and has used (child report)				
Tobacco	22%	15%	37%	0%
Alcohol	18	30	26	21
Marijuana	7	7	21	0

Violence Exposure

	Children of Men	Children of Women
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Parent Report		
Child seen violence in home	36%	24%
Parent ever hit by romantic partner	67	75
Child seen violence in neighborhood	11	11
Child Report		
Seen kids with lethal weapons	41%	26%

Social Support

	Children of Men	Children of Women
Feels unliked by other kids	41%	47%
Always has someone who understands his/her problems	33	37
Always has someone to count on	37	26
Always has someone to do fun things with him/her	26	26
Always has someone to show him/her love	37	47
Always has someone who hugs him/her	41	42

Family History Time in Jail/Prison

	Children of Men	Children of Women
One Generation	27%	37%
Two Generations	71	58
Three Generations	2	9

Family History Substance Abuse

	Children of Men	Children of Women
None	4%	2%
One Generation	11	26
Two Generations	60	46
Three Generations	24	27



