



# YEAR IN REVIEW



REPORT

## ACCIPP 2012 Accomplishments

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## 1) GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

ACCIPP was greatly strengthened this year with steady participation from public and private partners, and the addition of new members, including the faith based community.

- Alameda County Department of Social Services – Department of Children and Family Services
- Alameda County Probation Department
- Alameda County Sheriff’s Department – MOMS program
- Alameda County Sheriff’s Youth and Family Services
- Alameda County Public Health Department of Urban Male Health
- Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
- Alameda County Department of Child Support Services
- Alameda County Office of Education
- Alameda County Library
- Oakland Housing Authority
- Centerforce
- Children’s Hospital & Research Center Oakland – Early Intervention Services/ Early Childhood Mental Health Program
- Community Works West
- First Focus
- The Bridging Group
- UC Berkeley Center for Social Services Research
- UCSF/SFGH Child Trauma Research Program
- Youth Justice Institute
- A Better Way
- Tri Cities Community Development Center
- Urban Strategies Council
- Seneca Center
- Habitat Children’s Museum
- 100 Black Men of the Bay Area Community School
- Civicorps Corpsmember Academy
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Imagine That!
- National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- Zellerbach Family Foundation
- San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
- Oakland Local
- Allen Temple Baptist Church
- Family Bible Fellowship

## 2) DIVERSIFYING OUR PERSPECTIVE

ACCIPP is committed to the inclusion of all sectors and experiential voices to countywide discussions and decisions that affect the parents, children, and families impacted by incarceration. Attendance and partner participation reflect the following:

- Service organizations and law enforcement
- Public and Private
- Youth and Adult
- Multiple systems: (Health, Education, SSA, MH)
- Previously incarcerated parents, children of incarcerated parents, caregivers

## 3) Developing an Infrastructure

ACCIPP has received funding from the following foundations and county institutions:

- Alameda County Department of Social Services – Department of Children and Family Services
- Alameda County Probation Department
- Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
- Trio Foundation
- Sills Family Foundation

Contributions have allowed ACCIPP to hire a contracted consultant as the part-time coordinator to establish organizational infrastructure and to build a framework for collaborative partnerships, service delivery and enhancement of ACCIPP's mission. This contract will result in a set of recommendations that ACCIPP will use to guide the sustainability of the partnership.

**MISSION:** ACCIPP will develop a forum to facilitate improved collaboration among agencies whose policies and practice impact the well-being of children of incarcerated parents in Alameda County.

ACCIPP will accomplish this mission through the development of the following workgroups:

- 1) Training and Practice
- 2) Policy and Legislation
- 3) Data and Research
- 4) Social Marketing and Media
- 5) Children of Incarcerated Parents Parent and Caregiver Advisory Council

#### 4) CREATING A LEARNING COMMUNITY

ACCIPP has restructured monthly meetings to include department/program presentations to educate partners in learning more about needs and services of Alameda CIP population:

- August 2012 – National Council on Crime and Delinquency: *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)/LGBT Families and Youth Involved in the Criminal Justice System* – Bernadette Brown, Senior Program Specialist
- September 2012 – Alameda County Health Care Services: *State and Federal Health Care Reform in Alameda County: Impact on Children of Incarcerated Parents* – Alex Briscoe, Director of Health Care Services Agency
- November 2012 – Alameda County Office of Education: *AB 490 and McKinney-Vento: Bridging Education for Homeless Families and Foster Youth* – Elizabeth Tarango, Program Manager Foster Youth Services
- November 2012 – Alameda County Probation Department: *Juvenile Services and Facilities* – John Keene, Deputy Chief, Adult Services
- January 2013 – Alameda County Probation Department; *Adult Probation Services* – John Keene, Deputy Chief, Adult Services
- February 2013 – Alameda County Sheriff's Department: *Youth and Family Services Bureau* – Andrea Starn Mueller

*When I visited my mom, I talked, and I used to take pictures with her. In my dreams I thought she was coming back. And I was happy when she did come back.*

*-Lynisa from "What Will Happen to Me?"*

## 5) EXTENDING OUR REACH

In 2012, ACCIPP partners have provided both in-county and state/national presentations:

- *Family Matters: Re-Entry Issues with Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and their Families*, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse Symposium (Santa Clara) Yali Lincroft, State Policy Advocacy and Reform Center at First Focus & Carol F. Burton, Centerforce.
- *Family Matters: Incarcerated Parents and their Families*, Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo (San Mateo, CA). Yali Lincroft, Policy Consultant & Carol F. Burton, Centerforce.
- *Young Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Call to Action for Service Providers*, Harris Early Childhood Mental Health Conclave – First 5 of Alameda County (San Leandro, CA). Barbara Ivins & Rashawnda Lee, Children’s Hospital & Research Center Oakland & Markita Mays, UCSF Child Trauma Research Program.
- *Invisible Children, Incarcerated Parents: Promoting Infant Mental Health in Criminal Justice*. Zero to Three’s National Training Institute (Los Angeles, CA). Barbara Ivins & Rashawnda Lee, Children’s Hospital & Research Center Oakland & Markita Mays, UCSF Child Trauma Research Program.
- *Alameda County Children’s Policy Forum Series: State of the Children in Alameda County*. Interagency Children’s Policy Council (Oakland, CA) Carol F. Burton, Centerforce.

*If she got out I would be so happy. I would just die, breaking out crying. They’d be tears of joy, though.*

*I would tell other kids to take every moment to enjoy your parents because once they are gone, there’s nothing you can do about it.*

*-La’Chasta “What Will Happen to Me?”*

## 6) GATHERING INFORMATION

ACCIPP in partnership with Santa Rita County Jail and San Quentin State Prison conducted a “Caregiver Survey” during weekend visitation hours in the summer of 2012 to assess needs and gaps in services for families and children. This was a preliminary pilot intending to include the voices of caregivers around the needs and gaps in services for families and children.

- Preliminary Summary:
  - 38 Responses - 86% Female / 14% Male
  - Ethnicity – 18 African American / 10 Latinos / 3 Native American / 5 Mixed Race / 1 Other / 1 Decline to Answer
  - 97% spoke English at home / 22% Spanish spoke at home
  - Age range of children – 78% were 0-6 years old / 27% were 6-12 years old / 24% were 13-18 years old
  - The highest priority of needs for those surveyed included:
    - expansion of visiting hours and visiting activities,
    - better communication with the incarcerated parents, phone calls, videoconferencing, letters,
    - help in paying for food and rent,
    - health care for children,
    - reliable transportation for everyday tasks.

## 7) Connecting with Others

- ACCIPP has an official website: [www.accipp.org](http://www.accipp.org)
  - a. Current and archived monthly agenda and minutes
  - b. Current partner news, projects, and county events
  - c. San Francisco/ Bay Area resource list of agencies serving CIP
  - d. Archived monthly FYI: *Children of Incarcerated Parents Resources* – eNews developed by Yali Lincroft
- Facebook Community Page: Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
- Sesame Street and Children of Incarcerated Parents is creating a storybook, DVD, and caregiver guide for CIP.