Family Reintegration for State Reentry

It’s Us—Marvin and Jeanett Charles

It’s We—50% of incarcerated individuals are parents. Many of them hope to reconnect with their families.

It’s DADS

- 62% of DADS clients have been formerly incarcerated.
- The majority are between the ages of 25 and 49
- 67% African Americans.
- 55% have incomes under $10,000.
- And 45% are not in contact with their children.

3,475 of us since 1999
In Our community, we know the problem: Absent fathers and broken families

DADS’ unique focus on restoring father/family relationships
Why fathers? 92% of those incarcerated adults are men, 90% of juveniles

Vision
Stronger Fathers, Healthier Communities. End the cycle of fatherlessness in urban areas and empower fathers to become positive role models and agents of change in their homes and communities.

Mission
Give fathers hope by walking together in supportive community, helping navigate relational and legal barriers that separate them from their children and families.

DADS is designed by, led by, and located in the urban community
18 years as community-based nonprofit
3,475 clients, 45% without contact with their children
Contracted partners to WA Division of Child Support and WA Department of Corrections
Family Reintegration is Strategic and Research-based

**Strategic**
Fact-based: 92% male, 50% parents, disproportionately urban
Addressing the Cause, not just the symptoms

**Research-based**

*The Causal Effects of Father Absence*
Sara McLanahan, Princeton, NIH.gov

Research data: children from fatherless homes are more likely to experience
- poverty
- drug and alcohol abuse
- dropping out of school
- health and emotional problems.
- Boys are more likely to become involved in crime
- Girls are more likely to become pregnant as teens

*The One Hundred Billion Dollar Man: The Annual Public Costs of Father Absence*,
The National Fatherhood Initiative, fatherhood.org

The federal government spends $99.8 billion dollars every year on programs - such as child support enforcement and anti-poverty efforts - to support father-absent homes.
“Children are a heck of a motivator”

What DADS Does

Mentor fathers who want to become a positive and contributing parent to their children and families. Person to person case management and supported by a community of fathers.

Stabilize attitudes, jobs, housing, etc., to present themselves safe and trustworthy.

Navigate the systems of Child Support, Parenting Plans, Family Law, etc. Practical counsel, not legal counsel. We make suggestions, our clients do the work.

Available to all at no cost. And yes, to mothers too.
Our Clients, Our Heroes

With us today –

Gregory Adams, Father of 5
Washington State Reformatory at Monroe, and Bishop Lewis House.

Zakary Fike, Father of 2
Snohomish County Jail.

DADS has impacted over 8,100 children. Our clients are parents to 2.35 children on average, based on intake data.
Family Reintegration is Evidence-based

Measures of Success for DADS
DADS has completed 3 external data-match agreements with our state partners that show Family Reintegration has specific and measurable results. Internally, DADS measures our client counts, services rendered, & demographics served.

WA Division of Child Support, 2014 and 2016 Data-Match
• Child Support repayment rates increased 8% (25% to 33%)
• Child Support arrears by DADS clients decreased by $3 million
• DADS clients are making $1,000 more in wages than when they applied for DADS services ($1,879 to $2,893)

Department of Corrections, 2016 Data-Match
• DADS clients recidivate at only 13.8%, compared with the WA State average of 32.5%

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In One Year, 2016

**State Investment:** $18,246 in WA State service contracts

**State Return:** $8 million in WA State savings

- $2.3 million in savings to WA State in the cost of aid to families
  Includes TANF (Welfare), SNAP (food stamps) and Medicaid.

- $5.7 million, savings to WA State in prisoner cost
  Imputed from $35,000 cost per year, per prisoner

**Return on Investment**

2.3M
+5.7M
$8M Saved
Family Reintegration Requires a Front-Door Must be community-based

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DADS is expanding as rapidly as possible with current resources

Requires $250,000 per site, per year
Questions?