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PROJECT VILLAGE: MENTORING CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

The Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission is pleased to announce the beginning of the third program year as a National Partner relevant to mentoring children of prisoners (**October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010**). This Program is funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families (Family and Youth Services Bureau) through MENTOR: NATIONAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP, and the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (PEN or PENCIL Mentoring Program). The Greater First Church-Baptist in Baker (Greater Baton Rouge), Louisiana serves as the National Project Village Program Site Headquarters.

CAREGIVERS of children of parents in federal or state prison are needed to give their consent to match their child with a Mentor and receive the FREE mentoring services for the children in their care. Caregivers must complete a Consent form to receive FREE mentoring services for their children for at least one year. These services are designed to serve youth ages 4-18 that are in at-risk situations to include Foster Care and incarceration in juvenile and adult correctional facilities.

Volunteer Mentors who reside in the following program Areas to-date are needed to provide one-on-one mentoring services to children of incarcerated parents age 4-18 for 4 hours per month with a twelve month commitment. (**Greater Baton Rouge Area (Central Louisiana) and Greater New Orleans Area (South Louisiana) and; Greater Saint Louis Area and Greater Kansas City Area, Missouri**).

Volunteers must be willing to have a Federal background check, screening (fingerprinted), orientation and training for the potential to serve as a volunteer mentor (**four hours per month via phone and/or presence for at least a one year commitment**).

READY4LIFE Group Mentoring services may include: transportation; monthly After-school Literacy and Tutoring; group training sessions on Moral and Ethical development, Manhood and Womanhood Training, Conflict Management and Resolution, Family and Work Values, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness, Life Skills Development, Education and Career Exploration. A Cultural Enrichment and Recreation event may also be planned each month at a community site.

Persons who are interested and would like to request a Mentor Application or Caregiver Consent Form may call the National Project Village Office at (225) 778-4788 or contact Richard Craven PV Louisiana Area Coordinator (Baton Rouge) at (225) 761-2772. Persons in Missouri should contact Linda Joyce Mackey PV Area Director (Saint Louis) at (314) 440-6625 or Millie Morris PV Area Coordinator (Kansas City) at (816) 898-8049. Or you may download an application at www.nationalbaptist.com or www.greaterfirstchurchbaptist.com. **THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE MENTOR APPLICATIONS AND CAREGIVER CONSENT FORMS IS DECEMBER 31, 2009.**

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“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them” Hebrews 13:3

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CAREGIVER'S CHOICE MENTORING SERVICES
COMMUNITY/CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNER
CAREGIVER REFERRAL FORM

(Program Funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families (Family and Youth Services Bureau) Through MENTOR: CAREGIVER'S CHOICE and the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (PEN or PENCIL Mentoring Program))

Information for Community/Church Organizational Partners

Children ages 4 to 18 who have a parent in a state or federal prison need support from their family and their community. They are impacted in a number of ways by the incarceration of their parents. These children oftentimes are sad and confused. They have difficulty with whom to talk to about their lives and they worry about their future. As community service providers, we can work together to connect a child to the support services he or she may need to better adjust to their parent's incarceration. MENTORS can help children of incarcerated parents in many ways. Through "NBC Project Village: Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents" program a child can be matched with a caring adult volunteer mentor. The back of this form outlines how a mentor can help a child and the support services that are provided for a 12 month period. Please include the Caregiver's contact information below to assist us in offering free our mentoring services to them and their families.

CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Caregiver's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

Caregiver's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

Caregiver's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

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Page two: NBCPMCJC Caregiver's Choice Mentoring Services Community/Church Organizational Partner Caregiver Referral Form

Caregiver's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

Caregiver's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

Project Village brings its program and children with incarcerated parents together with caring adult mentors to develop a **ONE-ON-ONE** trusting relationship (*developmental relationship*), as well as being a "change agent" for children age 4-18 (*a prescriptive relationship*).

Project Village Mentors are recruited, screened (to include a Federal background check), and trained to qualify to be matched with a child. Once certified, mentors will provide 4 hours of one-on-one contact with your child each month for a 12 month commitment period.

A special feature of **Project Village** is the **READY4LIFE** Group Mentoring experience which may be held once a month where children will receive specialized training and support services. Group mentoring will be held at a local community/church site on Saturdays before the 2nd Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mentors will provide transportation for your child to and from these activities.

Group mentoring services may include: companionship/sounding board, academic tutoring, career and professional guidance, college/higher education guidance, self-esteem building, prospective broadening, conflict resolution, manhood/womanhood responsibility, family values, moral and ethical development, literacy, and alcohol and substance abuse awareness and prevention.

Goals will include improved school performance in attendance, achievement, participation, and conduct; as well as reduction or no participation in gangs, delinquency, or criminal activity.

Signature (person making referral)

Title

Name of Organization/Church

Date

Upon completion of this document, please mail to our office or FAX to (225) 778-4855

**Please mail original form to: Reverend Anthony Kelley, Chairman
Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission, NBCUSA, Inc.,
C/o Greater First Church-Baptist – 4669 Groom Road, Baker, LA 70714
*Program Training Model and Curriculum provided by the Reclamation and Restoration Ministries, Inc.
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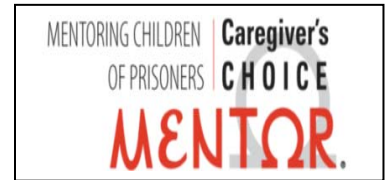
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Mentoring Children of Prisoners: Caregiver's Choice Child Enrollment Form

Children are eligible for a voucher if they meet the criteria below:

- Have a parent in a state or federal prison;
- Are not already in a one-on-one mentoring relationship; and
- Must be between the ages of 4-18.



Caregiver's information: (Caregiver must complete form)

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Preferred Program:

I have already identified the NAFJ PEN OR PENCIL Program which is an approved Caregiver's Choice Mentoring Program. (*Affiliate: National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission*)

Caregiver's Signature _____

Child's information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Additional Child

Caregiver's information: (Caregiver must complete form)

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

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Caregiver's Signature _____

Child's information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Or fax or mail form to:
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