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Community referrals

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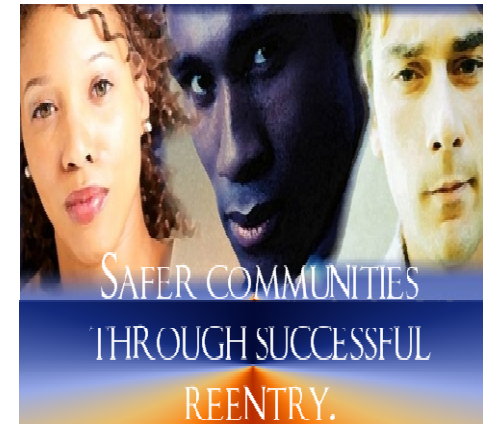
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**Monroe County
Reentry Services at
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**The Abraham
Project**

(Fatherhood Initiative)



**Your family needs you;
your children need
you... We can help you!**

Strengthen families through Reentry support

America is in a reentry crisis. More than 97% of the 2 million people who are in jail or prison will eventually be released—regardless of the crime they committed. This year, 650,000 people will come home from incarceration. *More than 2,500 people return to Monroe County from jail or prison every year—more than any county in the State, except New York City.*

A high number of them are parents who would like to become involved in their children's lives. It is in the best interest of our communities, our neighborhoods, our families, to provide formerly incarcerated parents with a realistic path to be the father that their family needs.

The challenges are many – difficulty getting a job, a stable place to live, problems integrating back into their family, and a lack of any family support at all, alcohol and drug abuse. All the above are obstacles former offenders must overcome.

Our Goal: To alleviate the financial and emotional barriers that prevents fathers from engaging with their children.

This is how we help...

Our program provides pre-and post-release case management services to parents, including legal assistance in resolving child support issues. Some of the available services includes:

- Employment support
- Job search and placement assistance
- Financial literacy training
- Managing child support arrears situation
- Parenting education
- Assistance in obtaining public assistance, Medicaid, food stamps, or SSI benefits
- Fatherhood workshops & Support groups
- Family recreation activities

Note: Must agree to participate in parenting classes. Must agree to participate in a financial literacy education program.

Please contact us for more information.

Eligibility Criteria:

Be a non-custodial parent

Must have or in the process of having an active Social Services Child Support Enforcement order

Must have or in the process of having a paternity identification

Must be eligible for Food Stamps & Medicaid

Must have accrued child support arrears

Must be willing to file a modification support order

Must be unemployed or working fewer than 20 hours weekly

What are the benefits to you?

You will have a support base that will be there for you when you need it

You will gain more insight into opportunities available to you

You will be less likely to return to jail

You will likely become employed

You may get your driver's license back

You may be eligible for a downward modification

You may get your arrears lowered

You will become an even better father with more skills to use

"Our children need us to be present, they need us to show up and give it our best shot no matter what else is going on in our lives"

– President Barack Obama