



INCARCERATION HURTS. WE FOSTER HEALING

ANNUAL REPORT FY22

A Year of Unique Challenges

FY2022 was a year filled with surprises and unique challenges, yet we were able to continue our outreach to vulnerable families and children. Using technology and innovative ways, we continued our work knowing that the isolation and tremendous loss occurring in many lives were likely exacerbated in the population we serve. We are proud to share that programming continued virtually at DC's halfway house for women, despite the pandemic restrictions. Our research-based publications met and surpassed our goals. We certified our board members and volunteers to conduct Reading Circles using Bibliotherapy. We expanded our programming to community partners, the DC Department of Corrections, and transitional homes where parents were trained to better understand their children's emotions of grief, loss, and responses to stress. We partnered with the International Coalition for Children With Incarcerated Parents to host a global conference. We joined forces with the Advocacy in Action Coalition to host workshops, produce podcasts, and provided psycho-educational and grief support groups across the nation using a virtual platform. We co-hosted town hall meetings on COVID in at-risk communities with the DC Reentry Action Network. Finally, we recruited board members integrating new talent with seasoned board members. It was a challenging year, but a good one.



Avon Hart-Johnson, PhD, Author

SNAPSHOT: Small Nonprofit with Big Outreach

21,000+

Constituents Outreach
Families/Children/Stakeholders
Engagement Since DCPC's
Inception

250

Combined,
Publications,
Children's Books,
Workbooks, & Journals
Distributed

1000+

Pandemic Care Kits
distributed to Vulnerable
Community Members and
Children At-Risk for
Environmental Challenges



OUR WORK

What we Did

DCPC Coffee Talk Life Skills Reached its 6 year Anniversary

SUPPORT FAMILIES

Provided Trauma-informed Storytelling Workshops

Provided testimony on Proposed Legislation: D.C. Law 23-278. Helping Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration Amendment Act of 2020

Provided Grief Support Groups

Provided Crisis Support for Families of the Incarcerated

Hosted Bibliotherapy Reading Circles

COLLABORATION

Hosted International Coalition for Children With Incarcerated Parents Conference

Hosted Coffee Talk Life Skills semi-monthly sessions

Presented at national, and international conferences

Published 2 Research Articles


Authored Curriculum for DC Department of Corrections Learning Management System

Extended the Board of Directors

INFORMATION

RESOURCES

- Authored textbook and companion workbook on parental incarceration
- Partnered with American University Students for a Just Society to create Career Development Brochures for Reentry
- Facilitated Life Skills at Fairview Residential Reentry Center
- Distributed 1,000+ Pandemic Literature * & Care Packages, DC Area
- Provided Kids Storybooks to schools, community centers, and nonprofits
- Featured on Nation-Wide Radio Commercial



WE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT
PARTNERSHIP AND
COLLABORATION

Collaborators

American University
Arizona State University
Advocacy in Action Coalition
Capitol Hill Community Foundation
Catholic Charities
Community Family Life Services
C.U.R.E.
DC Department of Corrections
Eastern Illinois University
Fairview Residential Reentry Center
Ford Foundation
George Washington University
International Coalition for Children With
Incarcerated Parents
International Prisoner Family Conference
Love Beyond the Walls
Mayor's Office for Returning Citizens Affairs
National Organization for Returning Citizens
Osborne Association, SUSU
Prisoner Family Alliance
Restore Together
Rethink Justice DC
Reentry Action Network (RAN)
Sigma Phi Nu
St. Augustine University
University of Wisconsin Madison
Valley Green Community and DC Health
Department
Voices for Second Chance
Wells of Hope



Storybooks sent to Wells of Hope Orphanage

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Letter From the Co-Founders:

Dear Friends:

You may ask how such a small nonprofit with such big aspirations can get so much work done. Yes, we are small but we have a lot of accomplishments. We are able to meet and exceed our goals as an organization because our volunteers, student interns, community partners, and people like yourself recognize and support our passion and commitment to making social change. Most importantly, our Board of Directors “walk the walk.” In other words, our operational Board engages in the work. They are trained to use and facilitate our research-based curriculum. They disseminate information via conferences, podcasts, community engagement, and in other meaningful ways. We thank them for their hard work. We could not do this work without them..

DC Project Connect has three pillars that drive and establish the priorities for carrying out our work aligned with our mission.

The Three Pillars are:

1. Strengthen families by providing social support programs and mentoring for returning citizens; using evidence-based practices and research.
2. Advocate for social justice by collaborating with community partners.
3. Raise awareness about mass incarceration’s adverse effects on children, families, and communities (through research, publication, & dissemination).

As such, this area of focus is carried out by collaborating with our community partners and receiving in-kind and financial donations from trusted community members.

Help us have an even better Fiscal Year in 2023!

Dr. Geoffrey Johnson, Executive Director, Co-founder
Dr. Avon Hart-Johnson, President, Co-founder

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Dr. Geoffrey Johnson, Executive Director

Dr. Avon Hart-Johnson, President, Board
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DCPC

MEET THE DCPC TEAM



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Day 1 Afternoon Keynote

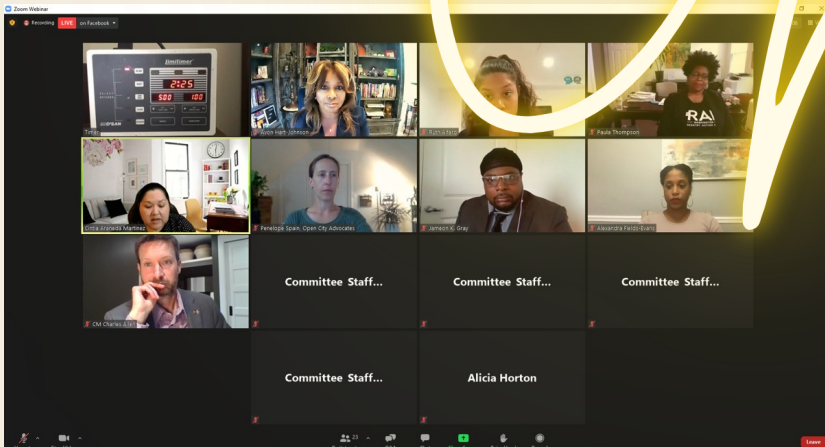
CPLS, USA



Fairview Residential Reentry Center - Gifts & Books event



Prisoner Family Virtual Conference



DCPC President Public Testimony : Councilman Allen's Hearing



Dept. Of Corrections Workbook

DC Project Connect Reading Circles

