TWO AGENCIES/SAME CLIENTS

DHS Child Support Enforcement and Department of Corrections shared position, started in Aug 2007
WHO, WHAT, WHERE AND WHY?

- Who are our clients in common?
- What can we do to forge a path to success?
- Where they are now and more importantly, where are they going?
- Why is this work so important- to the fathers and mothers, caretakers, children, county offices, DOC, communities?
WHO is incarcerated in MN
On any given day, an estimated 16,069 children under the age of 18 have a parent currently incarcerated in a Minnesota State Prison.
More than half (55%) lived with their children before arrest

About one-third (35%) had young children (less than 4 years old)

Most (68%) were interested in a parenting class
Most (66%) lived with their children before arrest.

23% had young children (less than 4 years old).

Most (77%) were interested in a parenting class.
Parents in MN Jails

**AGE**
Parents ranged in age from 18 to 86 years, with an average age of 33 years. Nearly 80% of parents with minor children were under the age of 40.

- 18% Age in Years: 18 to 25
- 26% Age in Years: 26 to 30
- 22% Age in Years: 31 to 35
- 15% Age in Years: 36 to 40
- 19% Age in Years: 41 and older

**RACE**
Although most incarcerated parents in Minnesota are white, parents from racial and ethnic minority groups are disproportionately represented. 16% identified as Hispanic / Latino.

- 53% White
- 21% Black / African American
- 14% American Indian / Alaskan Native
- 3% Asian
- 1% Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
- 9% Multiracial
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AS FAR AS CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY
Areas of Focus

- Modification
- Arrears management
- Detainers/warrants
- Driver’s license
- Paternity establishment
- COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION
Intake

- Automatic Interface for MN cases on PRISM
- Orientation at all facilities
- Reaching out to case managers and child support officers
- Counties take the action
- Generally if over six months left on the sentence
- Incarcerated modification process
- County child support has been amazing
- Cases in other states/interstate cases
Child Support Communication and Seminars

- Pre Release
- Sign up seminars
- Transition Fairs
- Kites
Child Support Professionals
Case Managers
Agents
Community events
Conferences
Transition Coalitions
Collaborative Ventures
And WHY????????

- Person Centered Approach
- Caregiver supports
- Child Outcomes
- Healthy Communities
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