

Recommendations for a DCFS-involved Incarcerated Parent

- Sign releases of information between DCFS/CWCA (private agency) and the correctional facility so they can share information.
- Follow expectations:
 - Maintain monthly contact with your caseworker.
 - Complete the Integrated Assessment and all recommended services to the best of your ability.
- Follow facility rules.
- Sign up for and participate in all recommended services available.
- Discuss services and any difficulties with making progress with your counselor and caseworker regularly.
- Keep your caseworker updated on any transfers, projected release date changes, plans for living arrangements once released and your contact information.
- Participate in concurrent planning for the youth in care's permanency, if the youth's return to the parent is not possible.
- Notify your caseworker once you are released to set up a meeting to review services you completed while incarcerated and revise the service plan to include any remaining recommendations.
- Once released, provide your caseworker with your address/contact information and your parole officer's information.
- Follow parole orders and ensure no further legal involvement.
- Maintain contact with your children and show an interest in their well-being by sending cards and letters to the DCFS address, asking about them and acknowledging their birthday with a card or gift.

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