



# INDIGENOUS INCARCERATED PARENTS TO REINTEGRATION

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**Client Group:** Indigenous, Aboriginal, Native, First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and persons who self identify as having an Indigenous heritage and children.

**I**ndigenous Incarcerated Parents to Reintegration Initiative aims to address the social barriers of shame and isolation that Indigenous parents who are incarcerated can face. Culturally appropriate and effective supports will be provided to participants in Federal Institutions as they prepare for reintegration into family and community. A key component of the program is a strength-based, participatory evaluation grounded in an Indigenous worldview that will broaden our understanding of how many Indigenous incarcerated adults have children, whether they have an existing relationship with them, and what their personal or systemic barriers to establishing and maintaining relationships may be. The evaluation will inform ways to develop support systems and keep parents connected with their families during incarceration and as they prepare for reintegration.

A “parent-first” approach will focus on how life events leading up to custody, as well as their time incarcerated, has disconnected individuals as a parent and family member, and consequently, as a community member. The model of care will be one that wraps around the incarcerated individual, providing an opportunity to access cultural supports, healing, and a connection to family and community upon first contact with the Federal criminal justice system. The client will be assisted during their Federal incarceration and supported through to a successful reintegration into their family, community and culture.

An IIP Advisory Committee will provide advice and make recommendations concerning program development and help create policies that provide direction and support for the program staff.

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