

A Family Guide to Getting Involved With Correctional Education

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Family Involvement Matters!

- “The evidence is consistent, positive, and convincing: families have a major influence on their children’s achievement in school and throughout life.” (Henderson, A. T., & Mapp, K. L. (2002). *A new wave of evidence: The impact of school, family, and community connections on students’ achievement*. Austin, TX: National Center of Family & Community Connections with Schools, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 7).
- Getting involved with correctional education can be challenging for many families
- Encouraging families to get involved can be challenging for facility and program staff

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NDTAC Has Tools to Help!

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- Administrators Guide released in 2007
 - strategies staff at correctional education facilities and programs can use to increase family involvement
 - 3-tiered model for organizing efforts to engage families
- Family Guide – is a first tier strategy

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3-Tier Model for Engaging Families

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Opportunities afforded
to all families.

Universal: 1st Tier

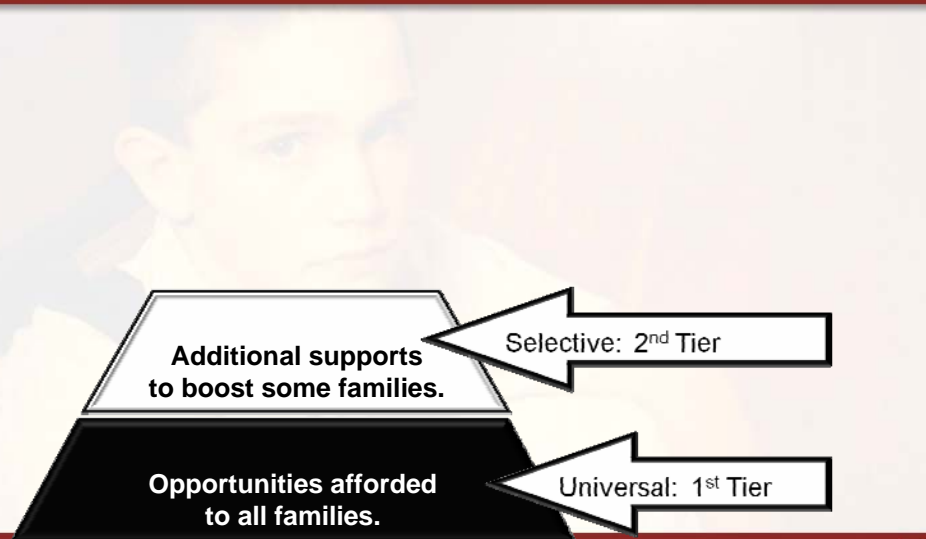
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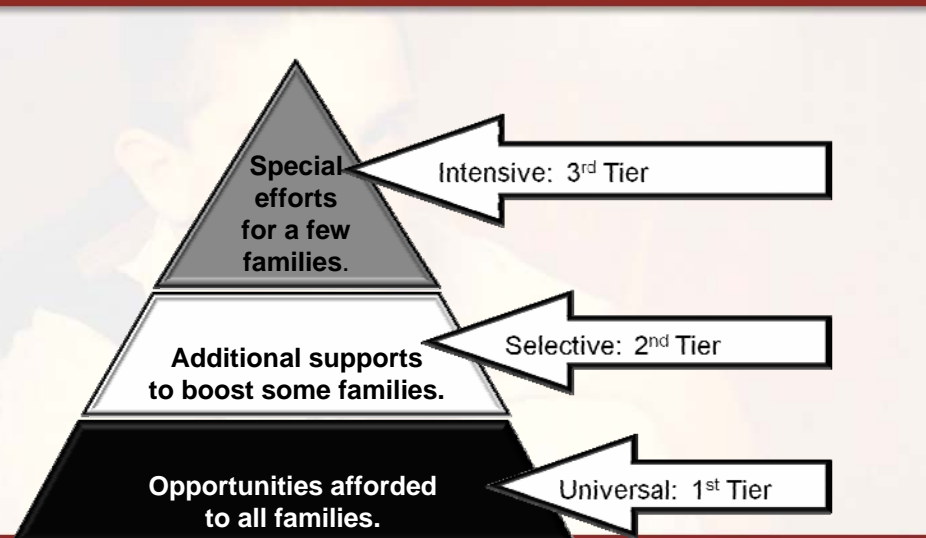
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The Family Guide Includes

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- A set of tools for juvenile justice stakeholders, who are working to promote family involvement
- Materials for families whose children are involved in the juvenile justice system

SECTION ONE: The Facility Guide

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- Information for facilities and stakeholders about how to use the Family Guide
- Customizable tools that can be used to help promote family participation in a student's education
 - A **sample letter** that could be given to families along with The Family Guide
 - A **contact sheet** listing key staff and how to contact them
 - An **educational questionnaire** families can use to give staff a better understanding of their child
 - A **tip sheet** with things families can do to be involved

SECTION TWO: The Family Guide

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- Practical strategies families can use to:
 - Build a relationship with their child's correctional education program; and
 - Keep their son or daughter on track for completing school and becoming a successful young adult.
- Facility and program staff are encouraged to customize The Family Guide for their setting
- Should be shared with parents and family members as soon as their child is enrolled

The Family Guide Covers

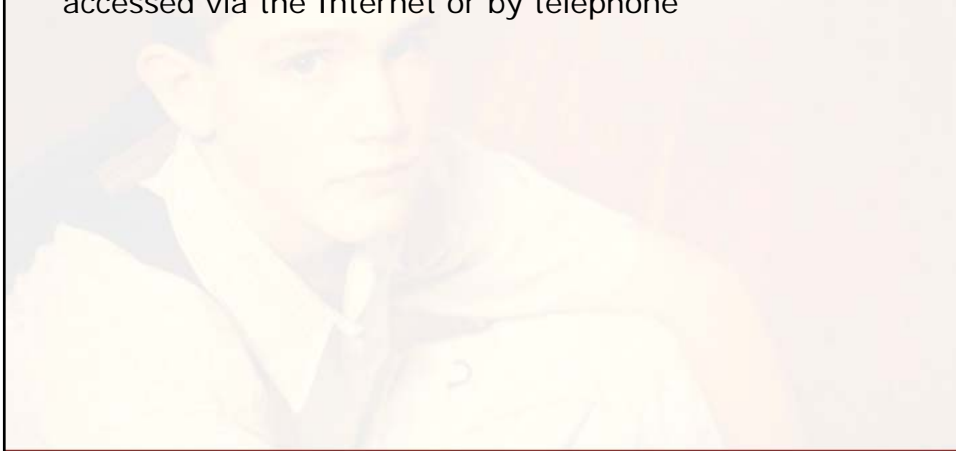
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- Getting off to a good start
- Ensuring that their child is making academic progress
- Preparing for their child's return home
- Connecting with other families
- Taking action when things are not going well
- Advocating for better programming, family involvement, and support
- Staying connected to the correctional education program

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- Has a list of additional resources for families that can be accessed via the Internet or by telephone



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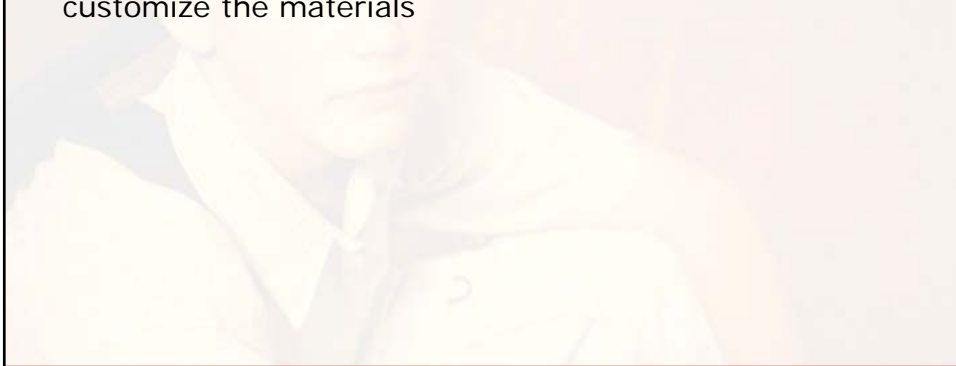


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- Can be downloaded from www.neglected-delinquent.org
- Is available in two formats: **PDF** or **MS Word** document
- The MS Word format is recommended if you plan to customize the materials



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