



*"I want to learn how to keep a good relationship with my children and keep the lines of communication open, so they won't forget who I am and that I love and care about them. With CLICC, the progress is good."*

— Mom who participated in CLICC

*"I thank you for what you are doing for my daughter and me. It means more than you think."*

— Dad who participated in CLICC



## Who We Are

CLICC uses literacy and mentoring to increase communication and strengthen bonds between children and their incarcerated parents.

The Connecticut Children with Incarcerated Parents (CTCIP) Initiative is dedicated to improving the quality of supports for children with incarcerated parents by using the various data and knowledge it gains to inform public policy and practice.

## Contact CLICC

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## Welcome to the CLICC Program

*(Connecting through Literacy: Incarcerated Parents, their Children and Caregivers)*



CLICC is a book club for incarcerated parents and their children in Connecticut.



## *How CLICC Works*

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CLICC is a book club for incarcerated parents and their children in Connecticut.

- Each child picks 6 books from the Scholastic book catalogue.
- The child meets with a trained, supportive mentor for one hour, once a week, for an entire year to read the books and write letters to Mom or Dad.
- Mom or Dad receives the same books and does similar activities while incarcerated with help from a different CLICC mentor, who also assists with parenting and post-release planning.
- The mentor continues to meet with Mom or Dad, for 6 months post-release.

## *How do I join CLICC?*

Families must meet these conditions:

- The parent is between 6 months and 3 years of release from a Connecticut state prison that offers CLICC.
- **The** child is between 5 and 17 years old, lives in Connecticut, knows the parent is incarcerated, and wants to participate.
- **The** caregiver agrees to child's participation.



## *Getting started*

- Parent fills out a CLICC application and returns it to a DOC counselor.
- CLICC contacts and has introductory meeting with the caregiver and child.
- The child selects fun books to read from the book catalogue.
- CLICC orders the books and matches the child with a trained, caring mentor.

***\*Everything is free!\****



## *Services for Families*

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CLICC has a grant from CTCIP to offer the CLICC mentoring program, along with these services for families:

- Referrals to counseling
- Coaching and support for talking with the child about the parent's incarceration
- Information about prison visits and phone calls
- Invitations to special family events, such as CLICC literacy fairs
- Support group for caregivers
- "Welcome home" pizza parties to celebrate parents' return.