



1           (1) increased knowledge and skill for incarcerated parents and guardians  
2           to address the specific needs of their children;

3           (2) resources to incarcerated parents and guardians to engage in needs-  
4           specific planning and communication strategies with their children and their  
5           children’s caregivers;

6           (3) child-friendly visitation spaces, in consultation with the Department,  
7           for in-person and virtual visits between parents or guardians and their children,  
8           including establishing safety protocol;

9           (4) outreach and coordination with appropriate services for the children  
10          of incarcerated parents and guardians and the children’s caregivers;

11          (5) improved cross-system coordination and collaboration to deliver  
12          necessary services to the families of incarcerated parents and guardians; and

13          (6) reentry support and preparation for incarcerated parents and  
14          guardians.

15          (b) Program support. The Department may support the operation of the  
16          Family Support Program established pursuant to this section through grants of  
17          financial assistance to, or contracts for services with, any nonprofit entity that  
18          meets the Department’s requirements.

19          (c) Annual report. Annually, on or before July 1, the Department shall  
20          submit a written report to the House Committees on Corrections and

1 Institutions and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on  
2 Judiciary, concerning:

3 (1) the funding, participation, and outcomes of the services and  
4 programming established pursuant to this section; and

5 (2) considerations and any progress towards sustained statewide  
6 programming and gender parity.

7 Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; FAMILY SUPPORT  
8 PROGRAM; IMPLEMENTATION

9 The Department of Corrections shall first implement the Family Support  
10 Program established under 28 V.S.A. § 128 at the Chittenden Regional  
11 Correctional Facility and Northern State Correctional Facility.

12 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE