

FACTS

- ◆ Once sentenced to a term of incarceration, the demands and pressures placed on an offender's family can cause a ripple effect, sometimes leaving the family unit dysfunctional.
- ◆ Children suffer most as they are often left without a parent and extended families have to fill in the gaps.
- ◆ When an individual is released from incarceration, there are unrealistic demands and expectations placed on the returning citizen.
- ◆ Returning citizens oftentimes feel inadequate when they are unable to obtain or sustain employment; foster or cultivate previous relationships; or communicate how the pressure of everyday life causes overwhelming desires to re-offend because of the lack of resources.



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*THE FAMILY
PROGRAM*



**U.S. Probation
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Pretrial Services
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Program Goals:

- ◆ To provide information to defendants and their families about the community corrections process.
- ◆ To provide referral services to defendants and their families with the transition into the community correction system.
- ◆ To aid returning citizens and their families during their reentry into the community.

Program Phases:

- ◆ During the first phase, an orientation is presented approximately four times per year to provide information to the defendants and their families prior to sentencing. Information regarding the rules and regulations of the Bureau of Prisons, programs and services of the Eastern District of Missouri Probation Office, and presentations by several community agencies are conducted during this forum.
- ◆ The second phase consists of providing in-

formation and referrals to families, establishing services for families with community partners, conduct orientations at institutional facilities, and assisting the families with their various needs.

- ◆ During the third phase, assistance will be provided to returning citizens and their families to aid in their transition back into the community.

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Services Provided By Community Partnerships:

- ◆ Pretrial Orientation
- ◆ Pre-release Preparation Planning
- ◆ Inmate/Family Video Conferences
- ◆ Back to School Health Fair
- ◆ Family Day events at U.S. Bureau of Prisons
- ◆ Holiday Party/ Toy Drives
- ◆ Hygiene Closet
- ◆ Clothing Closet
- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Referral Based Services, & Others.

