



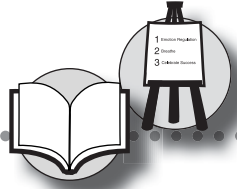
Parenting Inside Out® is an evidence-based parenting skills training program specifically developed to be effective within the context and restrictions of parents and families involved in the justice system. It is appropriate for both mothers and fathers and allows for cultural differences in attitudes toward family and parenting.

There are three versions of the curriculum, Prison, Community, and Jail developed to meet the specific needs of people parenting in these very different situations, and to accommodate differences among the teaching environments. There are two Prison versions offering 90 hours of instruction (36, 2.5 hour classes) or 60 hours of instruction (30, 2 hour classes), the Community version offers 48 hours of instruction (24, 2 hour classes), and the Jail version, 20 hours (10, 2 hour classes). Parents taking the Jail version are encouraged to enroll in the Community version upon release.

PIO is an outcomes-based, developmentally-focused program that helps parents promote healthy child adjustment, prevent child problem behavior, and interrupt a cycle of intergenerational criminality. During the *PIO* program parents develop and refine social interactional skills and citizenship behaviors they can use in all aspects of their lives and that will help them guide their children toward becoming positive, constructive adults.

PIO consists of classroom time involving learner-centered interactive skill building in *Parent Management Training* that is ultimately individualized to each parent's family. Parenting Coaches facilitate role-play practice, work individually with parents to create plans for child visits, are available to offer immediate coaching and guidance at child-centered events, and provide inmates feedback and problem solving after their visits or phone calls with the child or the child's caregiver. *PIO* teaches parents a way of navigating life that uses healthy, pro-social skills to interact with children, partners, co-parents, officials, friends and family. *PIO* values the uniqueness of each person and invites others into caring, respectful relationships. With *PIO* training, incarcerated parents can be good parents and positive role models in their children's lives.

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PIO Topics



- Week 1 Getting Acquainted
- Week 2 Effective Speaking Skills
- Week 3 Effective Listening Skills
- Week 4 Effective Problem Solving Skills
- Week 5 Child-Centered Play
- Week 6 The Child's Job and the Parent's Job
- Week 7 Giving Effective Directions and Encouragement
- Week 8 Rules, Rewards, and Consequences
- Week 9 Time Out with Backup Privilege Removal
- Week 10 Healthy Adult Relationships