

# VISITATION & PARENTING BEYOND BARS

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# Why Support Increased Visitation?

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- Help Prevent unnecessarily separating families as it is devastating to children in foster care
- Support family reunification which is linked to reduced recidivism for parents, greater family stability, and improved emotional response for children.[1]



# Benefits of Prison Visits on Children's Well-Being

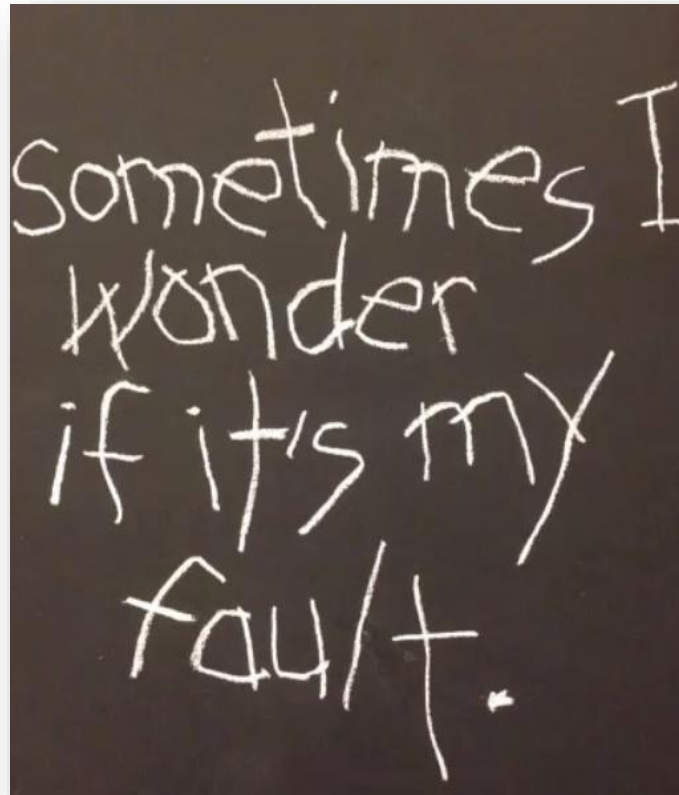
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- Provides assurance
- Reduces separation anxiety
- Can reduce the child's incidence of problematic behavior and improve outcomes
- Provides stabilization
- Maintains parent-child attachment [2]



# Better Outcomes for Kids

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Sometimes I wonder if it's my fault.

- Maintaining contact helps children:
  - Allows them to express emotional reactions to separation
  - Promotes a more realistic understanding
  - Reduces child anxiety by knowing their parent is safe[3]

# VISITATION AT DOC PRISONS IN WA

Contact Visits and Family Friendly Environment

# Visitation and Events at WCCW

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- Prison Staff Make Family Friendly Events and Environments-Food, Art, Fun!





# Visitation and Events at WCCW

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# Contact Visits

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# Room to Play Freely!

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# Ability for Child to Connect with Caregiver and Parent!

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# Arts and Crafts w/Parent and Caregiver

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# Prison Staff Make it Fun!

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# Meet other Kids in Same Circumstances!

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# Kids Live at WCCW: Residential Parenting Program

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