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"The best part of the day was just being with my Dad."
 - Bobby age 13

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What is Get On The Bus?

Get On The Bus brings children and their guardians/caregivers from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. An annual event, Get On The Bus offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort care bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day (breakfast, snacks on the bus, lunch at the prison, and dinner on the way home)— all at no cost to the children’s family. On the bus trip home, following a four-hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling.

Why do the children need transportation?

Children with a parent in prison are usually cared for by relatives, often grandparents. Many caregivers are unable to make the drive due to distance or expense. Get On The Bus offers a priceless opportunity—a mother’s touch, a father’s hug, a family photo, a private conversation and a connection with hope and healing.



“I noticed things about my mother: she was pretty and she looked like me. I found something in common with all the children on the bus. They have a mother in prison too.”
 — Natasha, age 7



“I appreciate all the love and support to have a wonderful day with my Dad. It was almost 2 years since we saw each other but thanks to Get on the Bus I got to see him.”
 — Daniela age 11



When does it take place?

Each year around Mothers Day and Father’s Day, hundreds of children and their caregivers board buses and travel from cities all over the State of California to be united.

“I got to see my Mom today and I adore her. There is no one in the world I have like my Mom.”
 — Chris, age 14



“Even though she’s in here, she’s still in my heart. It’s been four years since I’ve seen her and I’m so happy.”
 — Michael, age 10



How you can help

Get On The Bus can only take place through the generosity of individuals and groups who have a heart for this special event. Here are some ways that you can help:

- **Volunteer to be on a local Get On The Bus Team.**
- **Be an Event Sponsor** and contribute \$1500 (send by April 1st and get your company’s logo on the Event Day T-shirt!)
- **Be a Bus Sponsor** and contribute \$500 (send by April 1st and get your name on the Event Day T-shirt!)
- **Be a Family Sponsor** and contribute \$300.
- **Be a Child Sponsor** and contribute \$75.
- **Make a donation** of any amount to help fund buses, food, travel bags and teddy bears.
- **Sponsor an activity** in your faith center, school or organization to raise money and awareness.



- An estimated 856,000 children in California have a parent currently involved in California’s adult criminal justice system, nearly 9% of the state’s children. (approx. 200,000 have one parent in state prison, 97,000 have a parent in jail, and 564,000 have parents on parole or probation.)¹
- One in 5 of these children have witnessed their parent’s arrest.¹
- Police and courts do not regularly inquire at the time of arrest or sentencing whether a prisoner has children.¹
- 60% of parents in state prison report being held over 100 miles from their children.²
- In 1999, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics found that 54% of mothers and 57% of fathers in state prisons reported never having had a single visit from their children.¹

- Children’s odds of delinquency increase dramatically when visits with their incarcerated parent are denied.³
- Children who are allowed regular visits with their incarcerated parent demonstrate better emotional and social adjustment; they can be assured they are loved and that their parents have not abandoned them by choice.³
- Regular visits between children and their incarcerated parent lower rates of recidivism for the parent and improves family reunification following the parent’s release.³

¹“Children of Incarcerated Parents” Simmons, Charlene Wear. California Research Bureau, CRB Note Vol. 7, No. 2, March 2000

²Bernstein, Nell. All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated. New Press. 2007

³Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Bill of Rights, San Francisco Partnership for Incarcerated Parents; Friends Outside, Stockton, CA Oct. 2003