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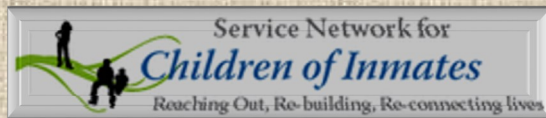
HISTORY OF LIVING STONES

Living Stones International (LSI) delivers a comprehensive, multi-component, program developed to address the effects of parent incarceration on children and their families. Services include one-to-one, group and mentoring services to justice-involved youth who are fathers and mothers.



Co-founder Pastor Gary & Elder Josephine Montgomery

Also as an agency with The Service Network: Children of Inmates' Program in Miami, Florida, Living Stones is tasked to provide in-care coordination and special bonding visits between children and their incarcerated parents.



The following is a summary of program and services LSI is performing in the Big Bend region:

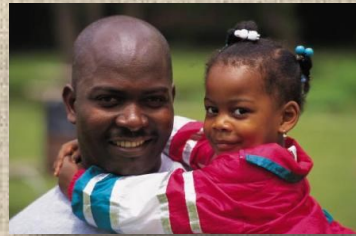
THE ISSUES

Children of Value (COVE)

- Free after school program featuring academic tutoring, mentorship, group talk, arts activities and education.
- Participants receive transportation to LSI, nutritious snacks and a safe, supervised environment.
- COVE meets four times weekly.

Children of Inmates

- Takes children and families to visit and bond with moms and dads in state prison facilities quarterly.



Growing Together

- Gardening program created in partnership with Florida A & M University.
- Growing together combines family-time with healthy nutrition and outdoor exercise.

Parents Engaged for Life

- Helps parents to understand that health family environments lead to healthy, productive children.
- LSI utilizes a number of curricula that will aid parents with tips, setting boundaries, better communications, and providing the level of support their children and families need to thrive and survive.

SOLUTIONS

Program goals are:

- Improving behavioral health outcomes (such as substance abuse, delinquency and mental health) for youth age 5 to 17
- Increasing family strengths & resilience and reducing risk factors for problem behaviors in high-risk children.
- Improving family relationships, parenting skills, and the children's social and life skills.



Children & Families in the program experience:

- Less antisocial behavior
- Better grades and test scores
- Less involvement with abusing drugs & alcohol

