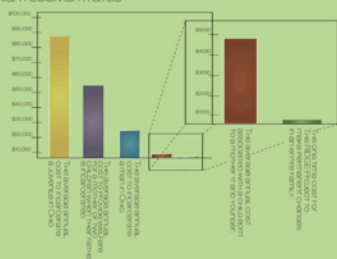


Building a Legacy of Strong Families

STUDY FINDS RIDGE PROJECT PROGRAMS HAVE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

Problem:

- 2.3 million adults in prison, 800,000 on Parole
- 7.5 million children with a parent in corrections
- These children are now at-risk of becoming the next generation of offenders
- 21,950 Fathers incarcerated in Ohio with an average of 3 children each
- High recidivism rates



Goal:

Goal: Strengthen incarcerated father's marriages and families to reduce recidivism and lower risks of children becoming offenders.



Keeping FAITH

Families and Inmates Together In Harmony

Method:

- Teach healthy communication and collaborative problem-solving skills to stabilize the family
- Intensive character development training for the incarcerated fathers – teaching them to become men of honor and integrity
- Marriage and Fatherhood strengthening focused interventions



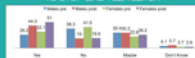
Results:

- A 5% 12 – 18 month recidivism rate, saving the state of Ohio nearly \$1 million from 2009 – 2010 alone
- * Statistically significant increases in relationship skills, commitment and quality including the following:

When discussing issues, I show my partner that I am listening by repeating back what I heard.



When our talks begin to get out of hand, we agree to stop and talk later.



Conclusions

Fatherhood Strengthening and Marriage Training, when combined, brings families together and reduces recidivism

- * It is clear from both the quantitative and qualitative examination of the data that the RIDGE Project's Keeping Families and Inmates Together in Harmony (Keeping Faith) Program is definitely having a positive impact on participants.
- * Examination of the 40 statements/questions posed to participants before and after program classes show significant change over time.
- * It is clear from a comprehensive review of the provided data that the Keeping FAITH Program has real, and substantial, positive impacts on participants.
- * These impacts appear to be both in terms of skills learned and behavioral changes that are taking place in the relationships and families that are a part of the program.