

## RIPPLE EFFECTS

When a person is incarcerated, the impact stretches beyond the individual to the family and community. The social, emotional and economic toll can be considerable, creating short- and long-term challenges for children and adults.

Overall, **45%** of U.S. residents surveyed by the criminal justice and immigration reform advocacy group FWD.us said they have had an immediate family member put in jail or otherwise incarcerated.

# 45%

## 63%

Of African Americans surveyed

## 48%

Of Hispanics surveyed

## 42%

Of whites surveyed

SOURCE: FWD.US FAMILY HISTORY OF INCARCERATION STUDY INVOLVING MORE THAN 4,000 PEOPLE

In Allegheny County, about **8,500** children currently have a parent behind bars. SOURCE: AMACHI PITTSBURGH

# 8,500

# 6x

Children of incarcerated parents in the U.S. are **six times** more likely than other children to develop a substance use disorder as adults and nearly twice as likely to have diagnosable anxiety.

SOURCE: CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

**54%** of the parents who are incarcerated were the primary bread-winners in their families.

**75%** were employed in the month prior to their arrest.

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