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.

63\% of African Americans surveyed
48\% of Hispanics surveyed
42\% of whites surveyed

In Allegheny County, about 8,500 children currently have a parent behind bars. Source: AMACH PITTSBURGH

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.

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.

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