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Rep. Tawna Sanchez, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon Legislature

Chair Sanchez, Vice Chairs Bynum and Sprenger and Members of the Committee,

I participated in the Family Resource Center (FRC) program offered by the Family Preservation Project at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. That program allowed me to have the ability to stay in touch with my children through the card making program. I also took educational classes offered by FRC that enhanced my parenting skills.

Being separated from my children was very difficult, but also a hardship for them. This program helped bridge that gap. The most impactful resource for me was having the ability to correspond with my child's school in regards to his IEP through the FRC office.

Please support the Family Preservation Project and its FRC. These programs are essential in the healing of families and creating a healthy transition for parents and their children upon release.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dexter  
FRC Program Participant