

## Jail Visitation Policies

# A Survey of Minnesota

87

Counties

87

Jails



1 in 6 Minnesota Children Experience Parental Incarceration

10,000

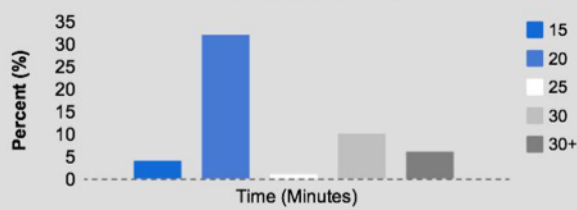
Minnesota Children with Incarcerated Parents

Compared to their counterparts, children of incarcerated parents have more internalizing problems (e.g., anxiety and depression), externalizing problems (e.g., oppositional defiant disorder and conduct disorder), and long-term physical problems (e.g., asthma and migraines).

### Visit Restrictions



### Visit Time Restrictions



### Unclear Visitor Appearance Requirements

70%

### Unclear Visitor Search Requirements

78%

### Pre-Visit Approval Requirement



### Unclear Restrictions for Special Housing Inmates

78%

Weekday jail visitation hours cluster around 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Tuesday and Friday). Weekend visitation hours cluster around 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm.



A family traveling from the Twin Cities (Minneapolis, Minnesota) to visit an inmate in Washington County Jail (Stillwater, Minnesota), would have to take an eastbound bus with over 100 stops for nearly 2.5 hours.

The same trip would take approximately 33 minutes by car.



Children of Incarcerated Caregivers

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