



C.O.I.P.P.

Children Of Incarcerated Parents Partnership



VOLUNTEER WELCOME PACKET

Helping Families in Need is Our Passion

Mission Statement

Our mission is to foster the growth of strong, resilient, hopeful children who are impacted by an incarcerated loved one in the Frederick County region.



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Welcome!

Thank you so much for reaching out to Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP), an all-volunteer 501 (c)(3) organization. We need you!

We have been a nonprofit organization for a long time. Our mission is to foster the growth of strong, resilient, hopeful children who are impacted by an incarcerated loved one in the Frederick County region. That often means that we work with the child, the parent and the caregiver. We believe that every child is entitled to the best childhood he or she can have, regardless of family situation.



Shari Ostrow Scher 
Founder/Executive Director

In order to accomplish this, we do many activities, including children's fun weekend activities, sharing fairs with many resources given away at the local jail, facilitating a giving library at the jail, offering parenting classes for female inmates, offering workshops for caregivers, giving crisis gift cards when needed, offering scholarships to caregivers and those released from jail, offering individual meetings and group sessions for those parents released from jail, and much more.

We are always trying new strategies so that we can grow and I hope you will bring these ideas to our organization! I sincerely hope you will decide to join us and share your strengths. Together we can move mountains.

Most Sincerely,

*Shari Ostrow Scher
Founder/Executive Director*



Who We Are

Co-Presidents



Cindi Diamondstone



Donna Quatman-Wilder

Associates & Staff

Chief Marketing Officer

Jay Harcom

Treasurer

Eliza Funk

Recording Secretary

Gretta Benson

Corresponding Secretary

Shirley White

Committee Chairs & Co-chairs

Outreach

Theresa Posthuma
Vanessa Thomas-Morris

Strategic Planning and Governance

Cindi Diamondstone
Donna Quatman-Wilder

Volunteers

Marisel Torres-Crespo
Cathy Anderson

Children's Activities

Sue Guissing
Greta Benson
Pat Einhorn

Finance

Eliza Funk
Pat Rosensteel

Communication

Shirley White

Parent/Caregiver Activities

Patty McArdle
Sally Smith



What is C.O.I.P.P.?

The organization C.O.I.P.P. (**Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership**) was founded several years ago to help a special group of children in Frederick County, Maryland. Started by one person, it quickly grew to be an organization supported by 'mid managers' from a variety of non-profit agencies in Frederick, Maryland. Our belief is that children of incarcerated parents are a group of children who lack a voice of their own. Our work and our mission are to give them such a voice in the community, in the schools, and in their family. We are proud to say that we are now an official non-profit organization.

What Do We Do?

- Hosts Sharing Fairs at the Detention Center for caregivers and children to get information.
- Hosts fun activities such as Bowling/Pizza Parties, Craft Classes, and other events for children.
- Gives children a backpack with books, toys, and a warm snuggly blanket.
- Provides scholarships for caregivers and children.
- Holds parenting classes for women who are incarcerated.
- Mails teddy bears with recorded messages from incarcerated mothers to send to their children.
- Hosts a support group for women after incarceration – “Coffee with C.O.I.P.P.” to discuss the challenges in reconnecting with their children.
- Maintains a Book Nook in the Visitation area of the Frederick County Detention Center so that children can take a book home with them when they visit.



What We Don't Do?

- **WE DO NOT REPORT FAMILIES TO OTHER AGENCIES**, unless required by law, such as cases where a child may be in danger.
- We do not gossip about families or individuals. All information will remain confidential and is **NEVER** misused or given to other agencies, however sometimes we do work with other agencies that provide a service and we may have to give basic information.
- We do not criticize or judge families – an incarcerated parent is not the subject of condemnation or ridicule. We believe in treating everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of the reason for incarceration.
- We will **NEVER** charge for services!!!
- We are not affiliated with any other organization or religious group.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

It is important to note that C.O.I.P.P. has been able to accomplish so much due to the volunteer efforts and work of a few committed people and support of their many friends; however, we can only continue to grow and do this good work with the help of volunteers **LIKE YOU!**

If you are interested in volunteering with C.O.I.P.P., please complete the following application and submit to us by mail or email.

Mailing Address:

Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
P.O. Box 791
Frederick, MD 21705-0791

Email:

volunteer@coipp.org





VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:	
Street Address:	
City State Zip:	
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email:	

AREAS OF INTEREST

Check which areas you are interested in volunteering:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Activities Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver/Parent Activities Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SPECIAL SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Summarize special skills and qualifications such as a second language, art or craft skills.

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Why are you interested in volunteering with COIPP?

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As a volunteer of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, I agree to abide by all policies and procedures. I agree that the organization cannot assume liability for any accident, injury, or health problem that may arise as a result of volunteering with COIPP. I agree to keep all information regarding children and their families confidential. If requested, I consent to a criminal background check.

Signature

Date

Please mail to: C.O.I.P.P., Attn: Volunteer Coordinators, PO Box 791, Frederick, MD 21705-0791 or **email to:** volunteer@coipp.org.