

*Susie (age 6), James (age 4),
Lisa (age 6 mos), and their mother
had to sleep in their car overnight while
visiting their dad in Sioux Falls.*

This is a horrible but commonplace experience for some of the families whose husband and father is imprisoned in South Dakota. Some of these families are already among the poorest of our society. They may get the money for travel, but if an emergency arises, they may have no extra for food or lodging.

Families bear the mark of a crime they did not commit. These families are often isolated and have no friends in Sioux Falls. In order to keep the family bond intact and visit their loved one in prison, they may be subjected to great personal and emotional hardships.



*Do not
forget to entertain
strangers, for by
doing so, many
have entertained
angels unawares."
Hebrews: 13:2*

The single most important factor in reducing recidivism is maintenance of strong supportive relationships during and after confinement. Encouraging the loved one's support is to help make streets, neighborhoods and cities a safer, kinder place for each of us.



*Wherever there are prisoners,
there are unseen family members and
children left on the outside of "the wall"
who are innocent victims of crime.*

Family Connection Mission

*To provide temporary shelter,
emergency supplies, services and
support to the families of inmates in an
ongoing effort to facilitate visitation
and strengthen the family bond.*

Family Connection

*is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable
organization comprised of a group of
concerned citizens working together to
meet the needs of families of inmates.*

*Your donations to Family
Connection are tax deductible.*



Stop by, the coffee pot is always on.



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The Hospitality House

This is a beautiful four-bedroom historic home built in 1896. It is located one block from the historic district of downtown Sioux Falls. The house is about one and one-half miles from the penitentiary and within walking distance to the County Courthouse, Jack Rabbit Bus Station and a convenience store.

Four furnished bedrooms are located upstairs with a large full bath. Downstairs, there is a small kitchen with a limited supply of food for preparing meals, a well-stocked play room, a dining room, a sitting room and a half-bath. We have a television, VCR with movies, games and magazines available for our guests.

The House has been furnished with generous gifts from area businesses, churches, grants, private donations and with contributions from inmates at the SD Penitentiary.

We invite you to come for a tour and a cup of coffee. You may meet a guest, a parolee or even a trusty doing a chore for us. We are called the Family Connection Hospitality House and we like to live up to our name!

The Guests Receive

- Safe and dignified temporary shelter for inmates' loved ones.
- Emergency food, clothing and child care supplies
- Limited child care with a play area, to permit spouses to spend time together during visitation.
- Current information on prison hours, customs, and regulations, to make visitation easier and more relaxed.
- Information on Sioux Falls emergency services and community resources.
- Compassion, understanding and support from staff and volunteers.

Children's Connection

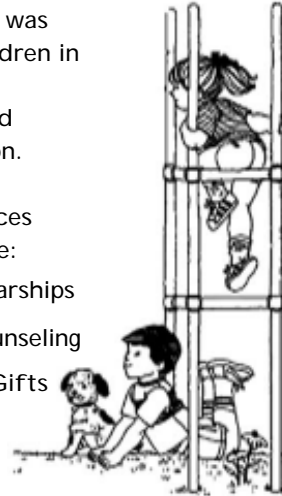
When parents are incarcerated (especially a father), children often follow in their footsteps.

Children with an incarcerated parent can experience significant feelings of loss and confusion.

Children's Connection was developed to help children in the Sioux Falls area cope with the pain and confusion of separation.

Our confidential services are **free**. They include:

- Summer Camp Scholarships
- Individual/Family Counseling
- Christmas/Birthday Gifts
- Group Counseling



Contact Family Connection for information about our Inmate Family Support Group. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:30pm at the House.



Family Connection needs

- Financing for the daily costs of housing families over and above operating expenses.
- Financing for the upkeep of the facility.
- Financing for Children's Connection and the Inmate Family Support Group.
- Volunteers interested in working with inmate families who are in need of friendly support and care.

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