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**PROJECT VILLAGE:
MENTORING CHILDREN
OF PRISONER S-Louisiana**

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The National Baptist Convention, USA, INC. Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission (NBCPMCJC) will implement its PROJECT VILLAGE: Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program beginning October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013 in the State of Louisiana. The Project is funded by a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services-Administration of Families and Children-ACYF through the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) located in Washington, D.C.

As Affiliate Partners of the PEN OR PENCIL National Mentoring Network of the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ), the National Baptist Convention, USA, INC. Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission, through the Baton Rouge based Reclamation and Restoration Ministries, Inc., will implement Project Village. The program geographical areas include: Baton Rouge (central); St. Francisville/New Roads (north); Lafayette/Lake Charles, (west); Hammond (east); and New Orleans/Thibodaux (south).

The goal of Project Village is to bring 240 children, who have a parent in a State or Federal prison, during the three (3) year project period together with caring volunteer adult mentors to develop a trusting relationship ("developmental relationship"), and be change agents for children ages 6 to 18 ("prescriptive relationship") to help them adjust from being separated from their parents, do well in school, and to prepare for the future.

Activities and support services of the Project include: one-on-one mentoring; READY4LIFE group mentoring with Life Skills and Youth Development Curriculum (PEN OR PENCIL PROGRAM-NAFJ); extensive Case Management, transportation and other match support services; as well as recreation and cultural enrichment experiences.

Project Village will be administered at the Greater First Church-Baptist Fellowship and Activity Center, located at 4669 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana, 70714 which also serves as the NBCPMCJC National Administrative Office. The operation hours are from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday; and the READY4LIFE Group Mentoring sessions will be held each quarter on the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm four times a year (December, March, June, and September).

For more information on how you or your organization may provide mentors and/or youth (mentee) referrals from the program geographical areas, please contact the Office of the Founder and Executive Secretary, Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Reverend Anthony Kelley, M.Div., Project Manager, at the address above. Or you may call, Telephones: 225 778-4788 Greater First Church-Baptist Office or Reclamation and Restoration Ministries Office at 225 330-4892; email: akelleyrev@aol.com.

Also you may download a Child Enrollment Form or Mentor Application on line at www.nationalbaptist.com (go to prison ministry under departments link).

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them"—Hebrews 11:3

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PROJECT VILLAGE: MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS PROGRAM CAREGIVER APPLICATION/CONSENT AND CHILD ENROLLMENT FORM

(Program Funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services
Administration of Families and Children-ACYF)
Through the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (PEN or PENCIL National Mentoring Network)
An Affiliate of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice)

CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Caregiver's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

CHILD/MENTEE INFORMATION

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender _____ Race _____

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Child's Primary Language _____

Does child have a parent in state or federal prison? Circle one: yes no

MENTORING SERVICES*

Project Village Mentors are recruited, screened (to include a Federal background check), and trained to qualify to be matched with a child. Once certified, mentors will provide 4 hours of one-on-one contact with your child each month for a 12 month commitment period.

(Over please)

MENTORING SERVICES*

Project Village brings its program and children of prisoners together with caring adult mentors to develop a **ONE-ON-ONE** trusting relationship (*developmental relationship*), as well as being a “change agent” for children age 6-18 (*a prescriptive relationship*).

Project Village Mentors are recruited, screened (to include a Federal background check), and trained to qualify to be matched with a child. Once certified, mentors will provide 4 hours of one-on-one contact with your child each month for a 12 month commitment period.

A special feature of **Project Village** is the **READY4LIFE** Group Mentoring experience which is held each quarter where children will receive Life Skills training and match support services. Group mentoring will be held at the Greater First Church-Baptist located at 4669 Groom Road in Baker, Louisiana on Saturdays before the 3rd Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm four (4) times a year (December, March, June, and September). Mentors will provide transportation for your child to and from these activities.

Group mentoring services include: companionship/sounding board, academic tutoring, career and professional guidance, college/higher education guidance, self-esteem building, prospective broadening, conflict resolution, manhood/womanhood responsibility, family values, moral and ethical development, literacy, and alcohol and substance abuse awareness and prevention.

Goals will include improved school performance in attendance, achievement, participation, and conduct; as well as reduction or no participation in gangs, delinquency, or criminal activity.

CAREGIVER’S PRINTED NAME: _____

CAREGIVER’S CONSENT SIGNATURE: _____

(Caregiver is the person who has legal custody of the child)

Signature (person making referral)

Title

Name of Organization/Church

Date

Upon completion of this document, please mail to our office or FAX to (225) 778-4855

**Please mail original form to: Reverend Anthony Kelley, Founder and Executive Secretary
Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission, NBCUSA, Inc.,
C/o Greater First Church-Baptist – 4669 Groom Road, Baker, LA 70714**

***Program Training Model and Curriculum for Group Mentoring Intervention Sessions are provided
by the PEN or PENCIL National Mentoring Network through the
National Alliance of Faith and Justice**

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VOLUNTEER/MENTOR APPLICATION FORM PROJECT VILLAGE: MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

(State of Louisiana Only)

Name _____ Race _____ Date of Birth ___ / ___ / ___ Sex _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone () _____ Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____

Driver's License # _____ State Issued _____

Fax () _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation & Title _____ Work Telephone () _____

If a member of a church, what Church? _____ Located at: _____

Is your church a Member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.? () yes () no

Name of Pastor _____ Tele: () _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____ If "yes", list date(s), place(s), charge (s), and disposition(s).

It is our desire to maximize public safety by appropriately matching mentors with mentees. Would you object to having an NCIC or other background check conducted for purposes of this program?

() yes () no

MENTORING INFORMATION

Why would you like to be a mentor? _____

Can you meet via telephone or in person with the mentee four (4) hours per MONTH? () yes () no

Do you have any previous experience volunteering or working with a prisoner (s), ex-prisoner, or their children? () yes () no If "yes", please explain. _____

What time can you call and or meet with your mentee?

() Weekends () After 5:00 pm () During lunch

In addition to English, do you speak any other language? _____

(Over please)

REFERENCES

Please list the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three people you would like to use as character references (*please list only people you have known for at least one year. At least one should be an employer*).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Relationship _____

Please read this carefully before signing:

Our program appreciates your interest in becoming a mentor to a child of an incarcerated parent. By signing below, you attest to the truthfulness of all information listed on this application. You agree to let our program confirm all information listed, conduct federal and state criminal records check, and be willing to be screened (fingerprinted) to serve as a Mentor.

I agree to a minimum of four hours training annually as appropriate. I have read and understood the program's rules, regulations, and responsibilities for becoming a mentor. If selected, I will follow the rules of the program and be a dedicated mentor. I agree to the time commitment of four (4) hour (s) per month for one (1) year.

Signature

Date

Upon completion of this document, please fax to our office at (225) 778-4855

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