



32 Children Visit Mothers For “Family Ties” Graduation Event

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Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci called April 10th “a very special day” as DOCCS held a “Family Ties” graduation ceremony at the Albion Correctional Facility (Orleans County). Acting Commissioner Annucci’s [remarks](#) were read by Deputy Commissioner of Program Services, Jeff McKoy. [The event](#), which was made possible through a partnership with the Osborne Association, saw 32 children visit the facility to see their mothers. In all 21 women graduated from the 12 session program which is meant to build family connections, a key factor in a person’s success while they are incarcerated and when they return to the community. During their overnight stay in Western New York the children made cards for their mothers, visited with their mothers, and attended the graduation ceremony.