



Corrections and Community Supervision

DOCCS Expands “Celebrate Your Children” Program to Two New Facilities

As a result of the highly successful “Celebrate Your Children” event held at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in April 2016, DOCCS has selected two additional facilities to host this groundbreaking program in 2017 and 2018. Walkkill Correctional Facility is working toward holding their event at the facility this October, which will feature autumn themed activities and decoration. Gowanda Correctional Facility will host their event in late spring 2018, with entertainment and activities planned in celebration of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.

“Celebrate Your Children” was first offered at Sing Sing as an opportunity for incarcerated fathers to share special time in a one-on-one setting with their children, as their mothers and caregivers attended their own special event in a separate location nearby. The feedback for the Sing Sing “Celebrate Your Children” everyone involved, including inmates, children, caregivers, volunteers, and Department staff, was so positive, DOCCS aims to replicate this experience at Gowanda and Walkkill by affording families this unique opportunity to connect and strengthen their bonds.



