

Inmates learn to be better husbands, fathers

Sing Sing prisoners celebrate their work for improved lives
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OSSINING -- More than 50 inmates at Sing Sing graduated Wednesday, to the cheers of relatives and fellow prisoners, from courses designed to help them become better husbands and fathers.

Some of the men smiled broadly, some shyly, as they stepped forward to accept their certificates in parenting and "healthy relationships."

Other inmates shouted the graduates' names in support, and wives, girlfriends and children applauded, in a bright, windowed room at the famous old maximum security prison.

Jamar Fuller said he took the 32-hour parenting course because he has a 15-year-old daughter and he gets out of prison next year.

"I like being father. I am a father. I need to sharpen my skills at being a father," he said. His daughter "wants to see a lot of me when I get out and I want it to go well," he said.

Raheem Fenty sat his 5-year-old son, Raheem Jr., on his lap before the ceremony. "Before this program, I thought there wouldn't be anything I could do for him, being a father in prison. But I've learned there's a lot I can do from here: write letters, go over his homework, be a better role model," he said.

Gerald Harrison's wife and two daughters, ages 7 and 14, drove nine hours from Garner, N.C., for the ceremony. He's been through both the parenting and relationships courses and he said, "I've learned to appreciate my wife for maintaining the family."

Harrison, 46, who is incarcerated until 2017, also said he's committed to "help my daughters make better decisions than I did."

His daughter Briana, 14, said, "He's interested in what's going on in my life. He knows what to say."

None of the three prisoners would say what crimes they were imprisoned for. Sing Sing generally takes in convicts who have sentences of longer than five years.

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