

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

POSITION TITLE: DESTINATION...DAD MESSAGES PROJECT™ VOLUNTEER

GENERAL: Destination...Dad volunteers are committed to enhancing the futures of children by coaching their incarcerated fathers. Volunteers have the privilege and responsibility to work with incarcerated or recently released men to enable them to become involved, responsible and committed dads.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Messages Project™ – Videotaping messages from inmates to their children in one of six Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) facilities. Duties include working with Re-entry Coordinator using videotaping as well as production skills. Working with inmates to prepare documents to enable Destination...Dad to complete Messages Project™. Other duties as may be assigned by the instructor as they pertain to NDCS regulations. This may be done on a quarterly basis depending on availability of inmates and institution scheduling process.

SKILLS: No specific skills are required other than a genuine desire to work with inmates and NDCS staff. It may help to have some of the skill sets listed below:

- Ability to communicate with people
- Possible videotaping and multimedia technical skills
- Organizational skills
- Team work concepts

REQUIREMENTS: The following are requirements of a volunteer

- One year commitment of service
- At least 21 years of age
- Available at least 6 to 12 hours per month
- Available for 4 to 8 hours of high depth training including Destination...Dad and Nebraska Department of Correctional Services training instruction
- Application completion with at least 3 references
- Allow a thorough background check (misdemeanor or felony convictions do not automatically disqualify person from volunteer program)
- Ability to handle situations in a mature, respectful, honest, professional, and objective manner
- Commitment to respecting cultural diversity
- Respectful of confidentiality issues

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Messages Project™

Follow-up Survey

In an effort to make certain that we are assisting incarcerated parents to reconnect with their children, we ask that you take a few minutes to answer a few questions. After you are finished, please place this in the provided addressed and stamped envelope for return to us. Thank you for taking a few minutes to help us serve you better.

1. Did you receive the DVD and book from the incarcerated parent? Yes___ No___
2. Did you watch the DVD? Yes___ No___
3. Has the DVD been watched by the child(ren)? Yes___ No___
4. How many times has the DVD been watched? 0-1___ 2-4___ 5-7___ 7+___
5. Have you visited the parent who is incarcerated? Yes___ No___
6. If yes, how many times? _____
7. Would you be interested in day visits for the child(ren)? Yes___ No___
8. What is your relationship to the child(ren)? Parent___ Grandparent___
Other___ (specify): _____
9. Do you feel a connection with the incarcerated parent? Yes___ No___
10. Has your attitude concerning the parent changed since viewing the DVD? Yes___ No___
11. If yes, in a positive___ or negative___ way?
12. Are the child(ren)'s attitudes concerning the parent positive___ or negative___?
13. What would you like to see happen as far as the child(ren) and the relationship with the parent is concerned?
14. Any additional comments?

Name (optional): _____
Address (optional): _____
City, State, ZIP (optional): _____