The English translation of “amachi” forms the centerpiece of our mission to empower young minds to overcome the challenges of parental incarceration, and reach their full potential. Our expertise involves galvanizing secular and faith-based organizations in partnership while mobilizing caring, adult volunteers to address this crisis.

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Pre/Post Incarceration

Amachi (ah-máh-chee): Nigerian Ibo “Who knows what God has brought us through this child?”
Our Services
Amachi Pittsburgh provides family strengthening and reunification support to families during incarceration and during transition period of release.

Parent Education Classes
24:7 Dad® provides specialized training for parents preparing to return home from incarceration and focuses on family reunification. Classes are scheduled based on referrals.

Life Skills
Essential Life Skills for Personal Development, Self-Motivation, Forgiveness, Good Communication Skills, Making Good Decisions, and dealing with the pressures of life.

Referrals
Families are referred to other agencies, if needed, for additional support such as:
- Food & Clothing Banks
- Housing Resources
- Counseling Services
- Educational Resources
- CareerLink
- Referrals for Surrounding Counties

Other Services & Programs
- Mentoring (ages 4-18)
- Ambassadors (ages 13-18)
- Healthy Youth (ages 9-14)
- Strengthening Black Families (SBF)

Getting Started
is as easy as 1, 2, and 3!

STEP 1
An assessment is conducted for each client by the institution to determine needs, strengths, and risks.

STEP 2
Amachi Pittsburgh then works with clients through the 24/7 Dad, life skills class to help them make healthier life choices.

STEP 3
Clients receive services once a week and include: 1 hour of individual time and 1.5 hours during group sessions.

FAQs
How long does it take to complete the course?
It is a 12 week course and each client receives a certificate of completion.

If I’m referred to another support agency, who pays for the services?
Costs associated with support agency services are the responsibility of the client, and may be paid through available resources, such as government funding, personal insurance, etc.

Where does the support group/session take place?
Family Reunification services begin at the State Correctional Institution and continue through community placement.

Do the sessions hold a lot of people?
The facilitator to participant ratio is 1:15.

QUESTIONS?
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