

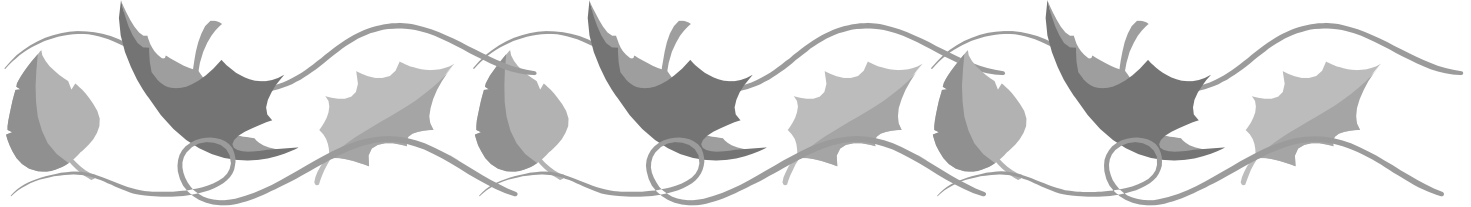


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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Great Gift for Families

As promised in the August newsletter, any inmate who receives a visit from their family may request to pick a story book for their child, (age appropriate) to be given on behalf of them at the time of a visit. Beginning on November 1st I will go around with the children's books so that inmates may make their book selections. The inmate selecting the book will be allowed to share something about the book with their child by writing in the flap of the book. The message written to the child must be in reference to the read book. This will hopefully seem more like the book was read and shared together as a family. The books must be returned to me by November 15th. The family visitor with the visiting child will be given the book at the time of visit by stopping in at the Family Reception Center just beyond the reception desk. Visits must take place by December 31st to collect the book for the child. (This deadline is extended to accommodate families who live further away and do not visit often.)

Please sign up for this great opportunity to reach out to your child if you are the incarcerated family member. If you are the family member on the outside please encourage your loved one to sign up for the children's book. If there is a non-contact order on the inmate, he or she will not be allowed to participate.

The children's books were generously donated by members of the United Methodist Church of Rochester as part of their mission outreach.

***Please note this article is appearing in both the family and inmate newsletters.**

Thank you.
Marilyn Allen, Editor

Participating inmates will fill out the following form and send it to me by November 1st:

Inmate Name and Unit _____ Date and Time of Scheduled Visit: _____

Child's Name _____ Age of Child _____

Child's Caregiver's Name _____ Relationship to Child: _____

The Nine Eleven *by T.L.*

What a horrific moment
on the morning we got news.
The twin towers were hit,
bye terrorist with a short fuse.

Many lives were lost
on that truly sadden day
along with small children
None of us could talk
here were no words to say.

We will never forget today
the last husbands and wives
There were way too many people
the innocent lives.

God if you are watching
send us a sign
Let us know that all these people
are going to be fine.



Secret *by N.B.*

I have a secret,
it's full of regret,
I fell victim to a drug,
it eases the pain
All I wanted was a hug,
now I'm standing in the rain.
Won't someone save me,
please take my hand.
It's getting harder to see,
I can no longer stand.
I'm consumed with hate,
I made a mistake.
This can't be my fate,
This place I can't take.
I have a secret,
It's full of regret.
If you were me
inside my head,
then you'd see
you'll end up dead.
The life I give,
so honest and true.
I no longer live,
it's because of you.
I'll never forget
the pain you brought.
You control my life
even my thought
full of regret,
I had a secret.

Children's Story Time at the Family Reception Center

Beginning Nov. 11, volunteers from the Dover Public Library and Even Start program at the HUB will be offering Story Times at the Family Reception Center.

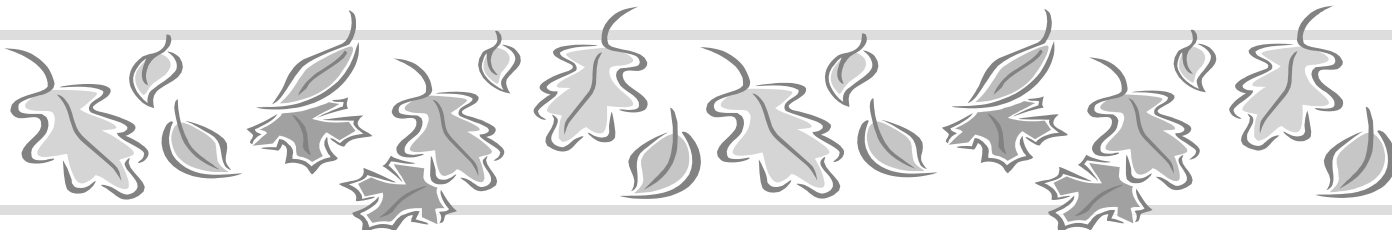
Children are invited to our 45-minute programs that will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:45am. Children can listen to stories read aloud, enjoy rhymes, songs, felt board activities, puppets, and make crafts. The stories are geared to ages 3-6 but younger and older children are welcome.

Also, assorted children's library books from the Dover Public Library Children's Room will be available for families to read while they are waiting at the center. Each month a different selection of books will be offered. Your suggestions and comments will be welcome!

Information on Inmate Contact Visits and Passes

Contact visits are permitted after 30 days of work in-house. Good behavior must be maintained for the given month and approved by Sergeant Noseworthy, Classification Department. The US Marshall workers are excluded from the contact visits (per US Marshals).

A weekly 4 hour pass is granted to work release and road crew inmates housed in the annex; excluding Rockingham County inmates (per Rockingham County). The annex inmate passes are approved by LT. Cullen and good behavior is still a pre-requisite to the pass.



HP-1 VISITING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>8 - 9</u> UNIT A	<u>8 - 1</u> UNIT C UNIT F	<u>8 - 1</u> UNIT B	<u>8 - 9</u> UNIT A	<u>8 - 1</u> UNIT C UNIT F	<u>8 - 1</u> UNIT B	<u>8 - 1</u> UNIT C UNIT F
<u>10 - 3</u> UNIT B	<u>2 - 8</u> UNIT B	<u>2 - 8</u> UNIT C UNIT F	<u>10 - 12</u> UNIT B	<u>2 - 8</u> UNIT B	<u>2 - 8</u> UNIT C UNIT F	<u>2 - 5</u> UNIT B
<u>4 - 8</u> UNIT C UNIT F			<u>1 - 4</u> UNIT C UNIT F			<u>6 - 8</u> UNIT A
			<u>5 - 8</u> UNIT A			

UNITS F & A - SPECIAL MNGMNT I/M ONLY - CLASSIFICATIONS WILL PROVIDE NAMES (NO MAX)

UNIT W2 - MALE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY-FLEXIBLE TIMES, APPROVED BY COUNSELORS

UNIT W1 - FEMALE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY-FLEXIBLE TIMES, APPROVED BY COUNSELORS

MEDICAL I/M'S TIMES ARE BEING SUBMITTED LIKE GEN. POP. USE FLEXIBILITY WHEN SCHEDULING

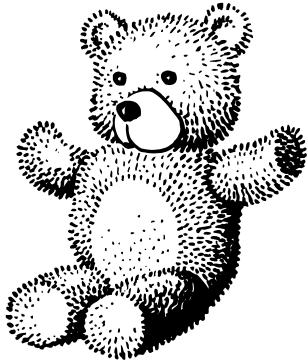
PLEASE EXPLAIN TIMES THOROUGHLY, PEOPLE ARE GETTING CONFUSED AS TO WHEN THE TIMES END

E- UNIT-MAX, NO VISITS

D- UNIT-MAX, NO VISITS

J, G & H UNIT VISITS 8 AM TO 8 PM EVERY DAY F-UNIT INTAKE, NO VISITS

TWO 1-HOUR VISITS ALLOWED PER INMATE PER WEEK. NEW WEEK FROM SUN-SAT



Teddy Bears Bridge Language Barrier

The family arrived looking distinguished but nervous. Greeting them warmly, I offered a cup of coffee or cold drink. "No Iglese", was the response. I smiled and responded with two of the probably six Spanish words I know, "No Espanol."

Somehow I was able to communicate to them that before they left they could come by for a drink and the girls could take a Teddy Bear. After their visit Mom and Dad enjoyed coffee, the girls chose Teddy Bears and we all smiled and hugged. No words were needed.

~Family Reception Center Volunteer

List of Resources for Families

These resource agencies include both civil and some assistance with information as it pertains to criminal matters on a limited basis. Feel free to contact these various agencies if you feel that they could possibly be of any help what so ever. Remember there is no such thing as a dumb question!

NH Help Line: 800-852-3388, www.nhhelpline.org - info. & referral service for service agencies and home-less hot-line.

Lutheran Social Services of New England : www.lssne.org

NH Legal Assistance: www.nhla.org 800-562-3174, some criminal and civil assistance

Legal Advice and Referral Center: 800-639-5290 www.larcnh.org

NH Coalition Against Domestic Violence: 866-644-3574, www.nhcadv.org

NH Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services: 603-229-0002, www.nhbar.org

The Low Income Taxpayer Project: (603) 228-6028

Dear Readers,

I have a few reminders that I hope will be helpful. The first is that if your incarcerated loved one is a Federal inmate, there is a website that contains a lot of useful information: <http://www.bop.gov>. At the bottom of the page there are several links. If you click on the link called Inmate Matters you will find information on such things as: Education, Female Offenders, Inmate Money, Inmate Skills, Juveniles, Medical Care, Mental Health, Personal Property, Release Preparations, Religious Programs, Substance Abuse Treatment, Temporary Release, Visiting, Telephones, Correspondence, and Work Programs.

Secondly, all past issues of our newsletters in English and Spanish are posted on our website, www.co.strafford.nh.us/jail

We would like to be able to incorporate into the family newsletter stories and/or information by families of the incarcerated. We feel that this information would be extremely beneficial to the other families that come in to the Family Reception Center, especially if it is their first time. They may be looking for ways to cope with their current situation and in need of some advice. Please send information to:

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