

Dear Oregon Leaders,

I recently learned about the Family Preservation Project. My mom and I went to a presentation where we watched a video about mothers that are incarcerated and their children. And we listened to moms that have been in the program speak about their experiences.

It was very informative. We learned that kids need their parents. (But, I already knew this.) I can't imagine being away from my mom.

The FPP program is good because they help the parents to communicate about what happens. The kids need to know this information. The mom and the kid also need to be physically close. They need to be able to

hold hands, sit on their lap and just be together. This makes kids feel safe and loved. Every kid should feel that.

Without this program the moms and kids won't be able to be together as much. The visits aren't as special, and the learning experience isn't so strong. IF we are hoping for a community that works together, that trusts each other, and builds a caring future, we need FPP.

Sincerely

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