



**Center For Restorative Justice Works  
Get On The Bus**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Get On The Bus – *uniting children with their mothers and fathers in prison***-this statewide prison visiting program trains and educates hundreds of volunteers and supporters throughout California and engages the media to raise awareness about the plight of children with a parent in prison. Get On The Bus advocates for the right of children to see, embrace, and talk to their parent who is incarcerated.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT**

Get On The Bus brings children and their guardians/caregivers from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. An annual event, that takes place in the Spring in honor of Mother's Day and Father's day; Get On The Bus offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort care bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day (breakfast, snacks on the bus, lunch at the prison, and dinner on the way home all at no cost to the children's family). On the bus trip home, following a four-hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling. Get On The Bus is a program of The Center for Restorative Justice Works, a non-profit organization that unites children, families, and communities separated by crime and the criminal justice system

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