

# Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation

Established October 2018





# WHO ARE WE?

**7 member Board of Directors**

**14 member Advisory Council**

**0 full-time Staff**

**6 Contract Positions**

**2 University of Kentucky  
Social Work Interns**





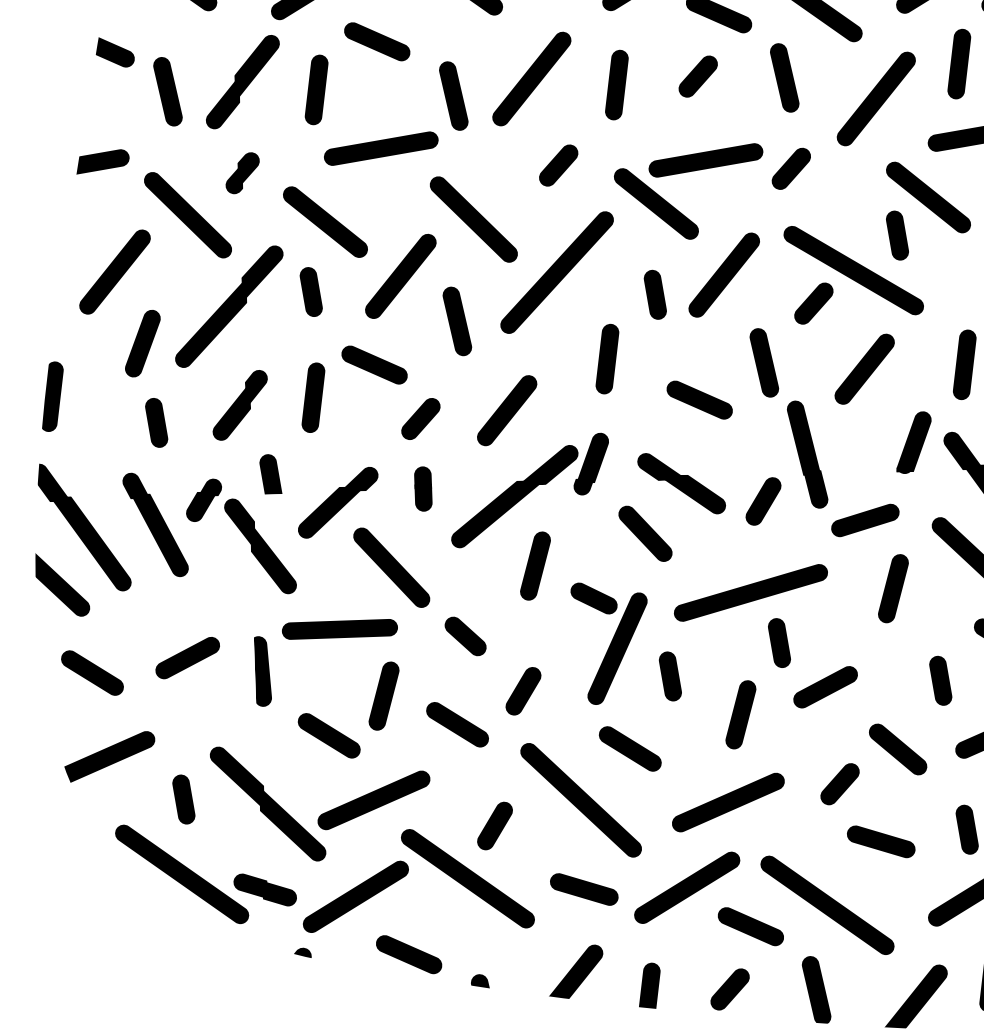
## WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

**Kentucky's incarceration rate is more than double the national average.**

12% of Kentucky children are impacted by parental incarceration. (Kentucky Youth Advocates)

*This does not include:*

- Additional family members such as a sibling and “bonus parent” - someone the child views in a parental role.
- Parents under other forms of court supervision



## SPOTLIGHT

Franklin County Schools

**671 (10.76%)  
students impacted  
by incarceration**

*Including Frankfort  
Independent Schools,  
this number rises  
to almost 800.*



# WHAT DOES WJRF DO?



VISITATION SUPPORT





# PROGRAMS THAT STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

- Monthly Caregiver Support Group
- Parent Cafes
- Quarterly Family Fellowship events
- Assistance with Basic Needs





# EDUCATION + PREVENTION

- Kids Rising Up through Support and Healing, (K.R.U.S.H.) school-based groups
- Direct support to all elementary and middle schools in Franklin and Anderson counties
- State-wide and beyond training of educators
- High School Outreach
- Weekly mentoring
- Life Skills classes
- College and Career exposure
- Scholarship for graduating seniors, renewable up to three additional years.
- Operation Making a Change, (O.M.A.C.) for youth at-risk of justice system involvement.
- Extra-curricular Sponsorships





# KENTUCKY BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED

## 2017 ORS 423.160

- To be protected from additional trauma at the time of parental arrest.
- To be informed of the arrest in an age-appropriate manner.
- To be heard and respected by decision makers when decisions are made about the child.
- To be considered when decisions are made about the parent.
- To be cared for in the absence of the child's parent in a way that prioritizes the child's physical, mental, and emotional needs.
- To speak with, see and touch the incarcerated parent.
- To be informed about local services and programs that can provide support to the child
- To not be judged, labeled, or blamed for the parent's incarceration.
- To have a lifelong relationship with the incarcerated parent





