

AID TO INCARCERATED MOTHERS

WHAT INCARCERATED MOTHERS SAY ABOUT AIM

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The attached letters from AIM clients show the tremendous impact of AIM on the lives of incarcerated mothers. And there are many, many more of these letters...

To give a better idea of the breadth of these impacts, without including reams of paper, we have excerpted the following comments from some of the letters we did not include.

"If I hadn't met AIM, my daughter, who is 3 years old now, would have gone to foster care and I would have never seen her again."

"AIM...is the most human program that I've seen in the prison; compassion is there in your heart."

"My daughter, being the youngest of my three children, was placed at my babysitter, who became her foster parent through the help of [AIM's staff. Thanks to] her knowledge of placement and the Department of Social Services, my daughter was not placed with a stranger."

"My children deserve to be mothered in spite of what the cause was for me to come to MCI Framingham. I...still love my children, ages 8, 9, and 16."

"AIM got me help with my addiction and into a drug treatment center...I am clean and sober in my own apartment. I have gone back to school for my G.E.D. and I am graduating from the treatment center because I completed it. I have a job. AIM has changed my life around 360 degrees. If it wasn't for AIM, none of this would have happened."

"We look forward to using the Parenting Room [at MCI Framingham.]...It is common knowledge that you are responsible for us having that private Parenting Room."

"We need AIM here for the prison. 90% of the women here were loving good mothers in spite of coming here. We love our children and are forever grateful to AIM and Ms. Fox for the recognition that most of the women here need such a program...Please let anyone who needs to know see how AIM has helped me maintain family ties."