

# A FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL AND SYSTEM SUPPORTS FOR REENTERING DADS

- **Barriers and Struggles of fathers transitioning back into their children and families lives**
- **Opportunities for improving this experience for families**
- **Dads with lived experience tell their stories**
- **Professionals who walk beside them will share their learnings**

# MEET OUR DADS...



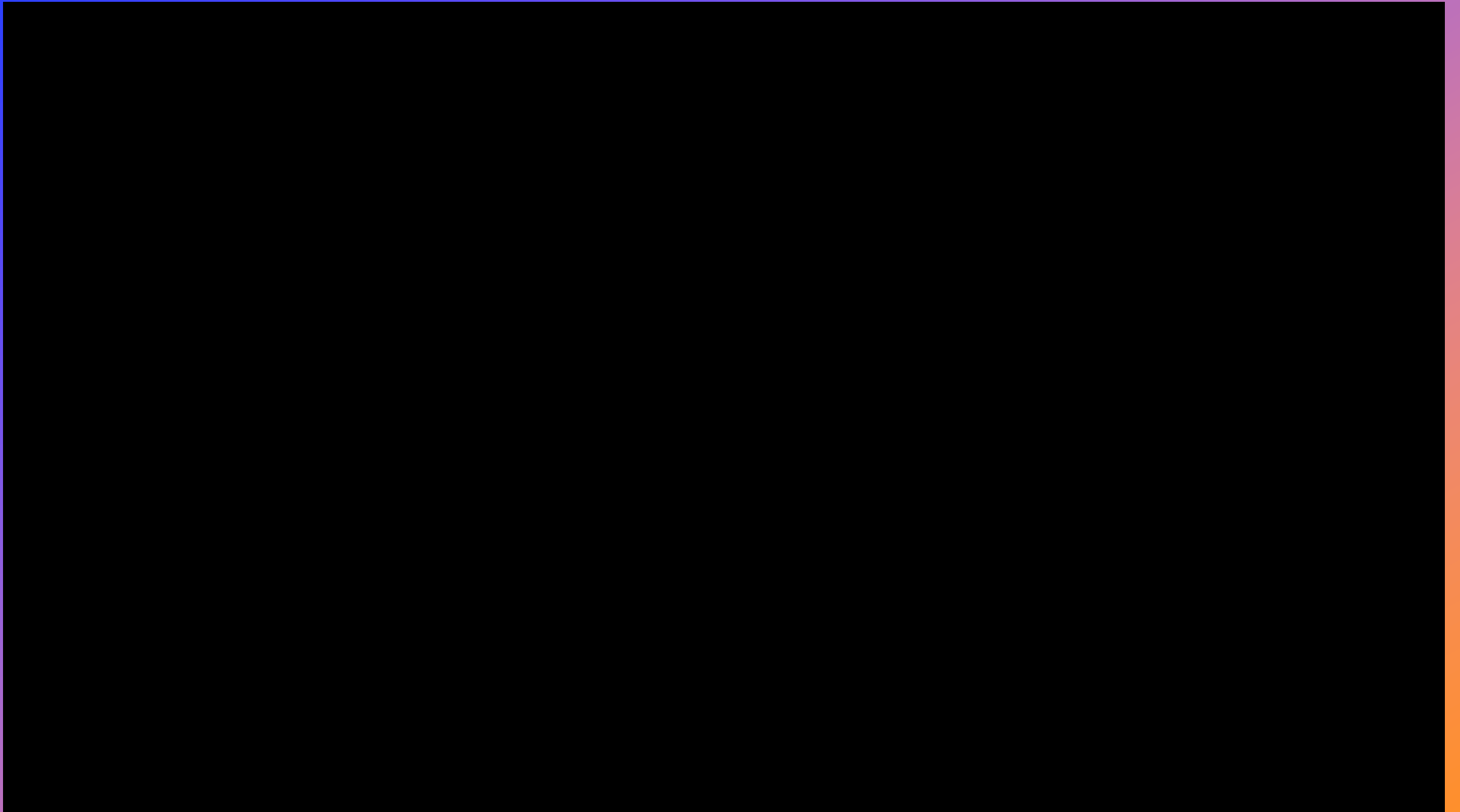
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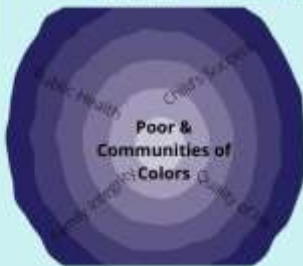
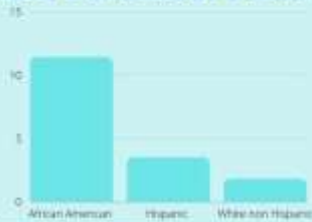
# CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS in Our Country

10 Children MILLION



Have experienced parental incarceration in their lives

## BIPOC differences



Uneven distribution means effects radiate out beyond individuals with long-term consequences

- ✓ Incarcerated parents lose their parental rights at a disproportionate rate
- ✓ 40-55% of fathers had a minor child living with them before incarceration
- ✓ 15-20% of children entering child welfare have incarcerated parents

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# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FACTS: NATIONAL PICTURE

# Vital Areas of Reentry...

*A Framework for Improving Individual and System Supports for Reentering Dads*





# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Help develop coping & problem-solving skills.

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Help establish stable housing,  
Livable wage,  
Stress-free transportation

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Assistance with family and community bonding prior to and after release.

Ensure motivating, supportive relationship with justice officials and support agencies.

What role do we each play?

How do each of us relate to re-entry dads?

Do we assume they want to be part of their child's life?