Considerations for Permanency: Children of Incarcerated Caregivers

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| **Phase** | **Academic** | **Behavior/emotional** | **Parenting Relationship** |
| **Pre-incarceration** |  |  |  |
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| **During Incarceration** |  |  |  |
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| **Plan post-release** |  |  |  |
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**Other Considerations: For all three phases**

1. *Custody*: TPR (termination of parental rights), adoption, visitation restrictions
2. *Residency:* foster care, family member, group home, incarcerated parent, compare all options including relocation
3. *Access to resources*: social welfare services, therapy for child
4. *Child’s wishes:* best interest vs their wants. If different, explore and explain
5. *Time frame*: permanency plan time line and goals, what is feasible and realistic
6. *Community and family support post release*-substance abuse treatment for parent (e.g 90-day in patient or outpatient required?), family therapy, anger management, parent employment, are other evaluations required such as for grandparent or distant relative
7. *Document, document, document*! Dates, times, events, details, who you spoke with, documentation to support recommendations (e.g school records showing truancy, letter from school counselor about behavior changes or increase in school engagement)