



The Journey Home

This mural was created by residents of the Harrisburg Community Corrections Center in April of 2013 as part of PA Family Support Alliance's observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Residents of the center suggested images that would tell the story of their journey home from incarceration and back to their families. At the left of the painting, an incarcerated father receives a letter from his child and another father calls his children from the institution. The child in the barbed wire symbolizes the resident's awareness that "our children do the time with us." In the center are some of the hurdles that the newly-released father must pass through in order to reach his family. The words at the bottom were suggested by residents to reflect the inner qualities that they identify as needing to be successful in their journey. The family waits in the bright color of a new day dawning.

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