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## Family Reunification Program

The Sheriff's Office is happy to announce the start of the Family Reunification Program within our Maple Street Correctional Center.

This program which started this August, is a collaboration between the Service League of San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

After completing an internal screening and application process, parents in custody for non-violent offenses will be able to have contact visits with their children who are 7 years old and under. (Studies have shown children in this age range benefit the most in their development from positive parental bonds.)

The goal of this program is to help keep the critical bond between a parent and child while inmates are in custody.

San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos stated, *"The Family Reunification Program will allow me to provide incarcerated parents with a safe location where they can interact and bond with their children. This program is beneficial to all who participate, but most importantly it will benefit the children."*

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