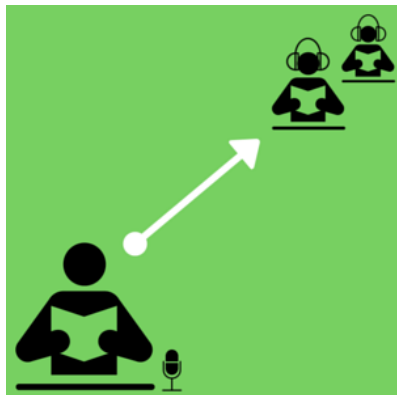


## Eligibility

The Read In, Read Out Program is currently operating at two facilities in New Castle County, Delaware: Baylor Women's Correctional Institution, and Howard R. Young Correctional Institution. Eligibility requirements vary by facility. Contact [rstramp@dcjustice.org](mailto:rstramp@dcjustice.org) for info.

## To Volunteer...

This program is volunteer-driven. If you are interested in giving a few hours per month to help participants select age-appropriate books for their children and assist with the recording process, please contact Robin at [rstramp@dcjustice.org](mailto:rstramp@dcjustice.org).



The Delaware Center for Justice, Inc. (DCJ) is a non-profit United Way agency, dedicated to creating a safer, more secure Delaware by seeking to achieve and preserve a high quality of justice. We fulfill our mission through an extensive range of programs and services, public education, research and advocacy.

Read Aloud Delaware's mission is to ensure that each preschool child in Delaware is regularly read to one-on-one.

Together, we combine our expertise to coordinate the Read In, Read Out Program for the 1 in 28 children in America who have an incarcerated parent.

To learn more about the Read In, Read Out Program, visit [www.dcjustice.org](http://www.dcjustice.org) or email [rstramp@dcjustice.org](mailto:rstramp@dcjustice.org).

## Read In, Read Out Program



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## Our Program

The Read In, Read Out Program (RIRO) is a collaborative project of the Delaware Department of Correction, the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ), and Read Aloud Delaware.

Through this program, offenders who meet eligibility requirements are invited to participate in a long-distance reading program with their children. After attending an orientation session, each participating parent is able to select two books to read on tape to his or her child. The two books, along with the resulting tape recording, a tape player, and headphones, are mailed to the participants children so that they can listen and follow along.

Approximately 30 female offenders and 18 male offenders are currently participating the program.

## Services we provide include:

- Assistance selecting age-appropriate and engaging books from our Read In, Read Out library
- Helping participants read through the books ahead of time, working through tongue-twisting passages or tricky names to ensure fluid and fluent reading on tape
- Encouraging participants to read with enthusiasm and inflection
- Brainstorming ways in which the participating parent can make connections between the book and his or her child's life in order to personalize the experience and make it feel more organic
- Troubleshooting the recording process
- Mailing the books, tapes, and necessary equipment to families

*All programs and services at DCJ are offered free of charge.*

## Our Outcomes

The Read In, Read Out Program strives to do three things: nurture parent/child bonds, improve communication and parenting skills, and add or expand elements of literacy in family culture. Here are a few quotes from program participants that demonstrate our success in achieving these goals:

“Reading to my 8-year-old daughter keeps me involved in her education.”

“[My daughter said, ‘Mommy, I can read without you, but it makes me happy to hear your voice. It’s like you’re here sometimes.’”

“My children and I have become closer even though we’re unable to physically be with one another right now.”

“My children get to hear my voice everyday.”

