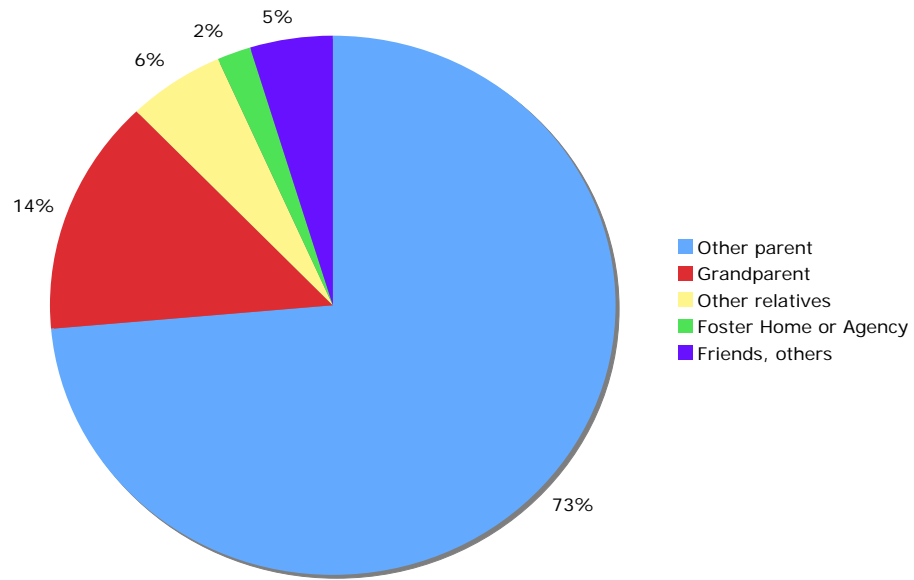




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**Figure 2: Childcare Post Parental Incarceration (State Prisoners)**

**Source:**

## Parent Visitation

In all states, it is up to the caregiver to decide whether or not they want the child to visit the parent and to provide transportation. Table 1 shows how often a child visits their parent, depending on both gender and whether the institution is a state or federal prison (Parke and Stewart 2001).

**Table 1: Frequency and Type of Contact with Children**

Frequency and type of contact with children	State Prisons			Federal Prisons		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<b>Any Type of Contact</b>						
Daily or almost daily	10.1%	9.5%	17.8%	15.1%	14.6%	21.1%
At least once a week	31.2	30.3	42.2	43.37	43.3	48.5
At least once a month	22.2	22.6	18.0	23.8	23.9	22.0
Less than once a month	16.1	16.6	9.7	10.0	10.3	5.0
Never	20.4	21.1	12.2	7.5	7.8	3.3
<b>Telephone</b>						
Daily or almost daily	6.6%					



The project is the only project of its kind funded by the state, appropriated through the legislature's general fund dollars. This source of funding has been strongly advocated for by the Lamoille County legislators and thus appears to be quite secure for the years to come. Yet other counties and organizations looking to start up similar projects currently face difficulties accessing funds during tight budget years such as this 2008 year.

The Community Justice Project hopes to serve as a pilot program so that other projects may begin in the state of Vermont. They are currently in the process of completing a program evaluation in order to measure the effectiveness of their approach the positive impact it has had on the community and for these children. So far, the community has embraced the project as incredibly valuable and a practical approach to help prevent and minimize further trauma for these children who have already been through difficult experiences. At any one time, the project serves around fifty children. Project manager Rhonda Barr emphasizes that there are many more children in the community but that the project doesn't have the capacity to serve all of them

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