



"I am deeply grateful for your help to our offenders and even more so to their children."

George Lombardi
 Director, Missouri
 Department of Corrections

Media Recognition

- Missourian: "4-H program helps family stay bonded despite prison bars," January 2012
- St. Joseph News-Press Now: "Break from prison," January 2011
- KOMU: "MU Extension family support program expands across Missouri," August 2011
- Missourinet: "4-H LIFE program gets grant to expand," August 2011
- Missourian and MU News Bureau: "MU Extension program given grant funding to connect children, parents in prison," August 2011
- KSDK: "Camp teaches science through space, 4-H LIFE youth participate in 4-H camps," August 2011
- 4-H National Mentoring Program Newsletter: "National mentoring program," March 2011
- Missouri AgConnection: "4-H recognized at National Mentoring Summit," 2011
- WERDCC Audrain County: "Soar Award (service over and above requirements)," 2010
- Farmington Daily Journal: "Volunteer work can add new dimensions to life," 2010
- Constitution Tribune: "4-H LIFE group helps children of incarcerated women meet challenges," 2009
- Mexico Ledger: "Vandalia 4-H LIFE club to make holiday treats for Mexico Animal Shelter dogs," 2009
- The Mexico Ledger: "Youth learn life lessons in 4-H," 2009
- University of Missouri KBIA Slideshow: "Mommy's House: A visit to Vandalia women's prison," April 2009
- University of Missouri KBIA 91.3 four-part series: "Life after prison" (part three), 2009
- Joyce A. Arditti, PhD, evaluation consultant to the 4-H LIFE Program: "Increasing our Knowledge about Parental Incarceration: A research presentation," February 2009
- The Council of State Governments Justice Center Action Plan: "Children of incarcerated parents," 2009
- The New York Times: "Missouri prison program fosters family ties behind bars," 2008
- University of Missouri 4-H Center for Youth Development Annual Report: "Rewards of 4-H LIFE surpass program boundaries," 2008
- Jefferson City News Tribune: *Family Focus*: "Algoa program teaches inmates parenting skills," October 2008
- National Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Parent Editorial Board Webinar: "Working with Incarcerated Parents and Their Families: It's an inside job," October 2008
- Natl. Children, Youth & Families Education and Research Network (CYFERnet) Program showcase, May 2008
- Urban Institute Justice Policy Center Report: "Broken Bonds: Understanding and addressing the needs of children with incarcerated parents," February, 2008
- Journal of Youth Development: "Addressing the needs of children of offenders," 2007
- National 4-H Council's 4-H...Power of YOUTH newsletter: "Incarcerated fathers and their children find new LIFE 4-H," winter, 2006

Awards & Honors

- **Annie E. Casey Foundation Award:** One of five programs to be awarded for innovative, exemplary and effective 4-H youth development programs that improve outcomes for rural, disadvantaged families. 2005
- **National 4-H Program of Distinction:** Accepted as a Program of Distinction, a description that reflects the high quality of 4-H youth development programs occurring in communities across the US. 2005
- **National Collaboration for Youth:** Selected for inclusion in the National Collaboration for Youth compendium showcasing programs that demonstrate benefits for youth, families and communities. 2005
- **National Priester Health Award:** Awarded the National Priester Health Award, given for positive health outcomes of program participants, by Healthy Communities National Network for Health. 2004