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From February 2010 through March 2013, Veras Family Justice Program partnered with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) on the Families as Partners project. The work sought to promote better outcomes for incarcerated youth by helping staff draw on youths families as a source of material and emotional support, encouraging visits and correspondence between youth and their families, and increasing family involvement in youths treatment and reentry plans. DYS is the first agency to implement Veras Juvenile Relational Inquiry Tool, which helps staff identify youths family and social support. The research component of the project looked at associations between family support and outcomes for youth during their incarceration. This brief summarizes the findings.

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