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Parental and family engagement by the juvenile justice system is proven to be effective for better youth outcomes. Last year, a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report cited evidence that a relationship with a parent or other adult figure can have a positive impact on an adolescent, serving as a protective buffer against external negative influences. This fact sheet was written for Vera's [Working Together: Family Engagement with Juvenile Justice briefing](#) part of a larger Vera series, titled [The State of Juvenile Justice: A National Conversation About Research, Results and Reform](#).

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