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## **MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Partners with Life Connections to Offer Strengthening Families Parenting Program Within the Detention Center**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – In an effort to keep families connected and build parenting skills, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) will be partnering with Life Connections to offer the Strengthening Families Program to residents starting February 28, 2023. The Strengthening Families Program is open to all residents who are parents and want to learn effective communication skills alongside other parents/caregivers, while developing a stronger bond with their child.

To be eligible for the program residents must have a child that is between the ages of 7 and 17. They will attend 8 virtual sessions, twice a week with each session lasting 90 minutes. These sessions will include the resident, their child, and the custodial caregiver. Upon graduation from the program, residents will receive a contact visit and meal with their child.

By providing these resources and support for our residents and their families we can take another step in the process to reduce recidivism, promote successful reentry, and strengthen the bonds that hold families together.

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