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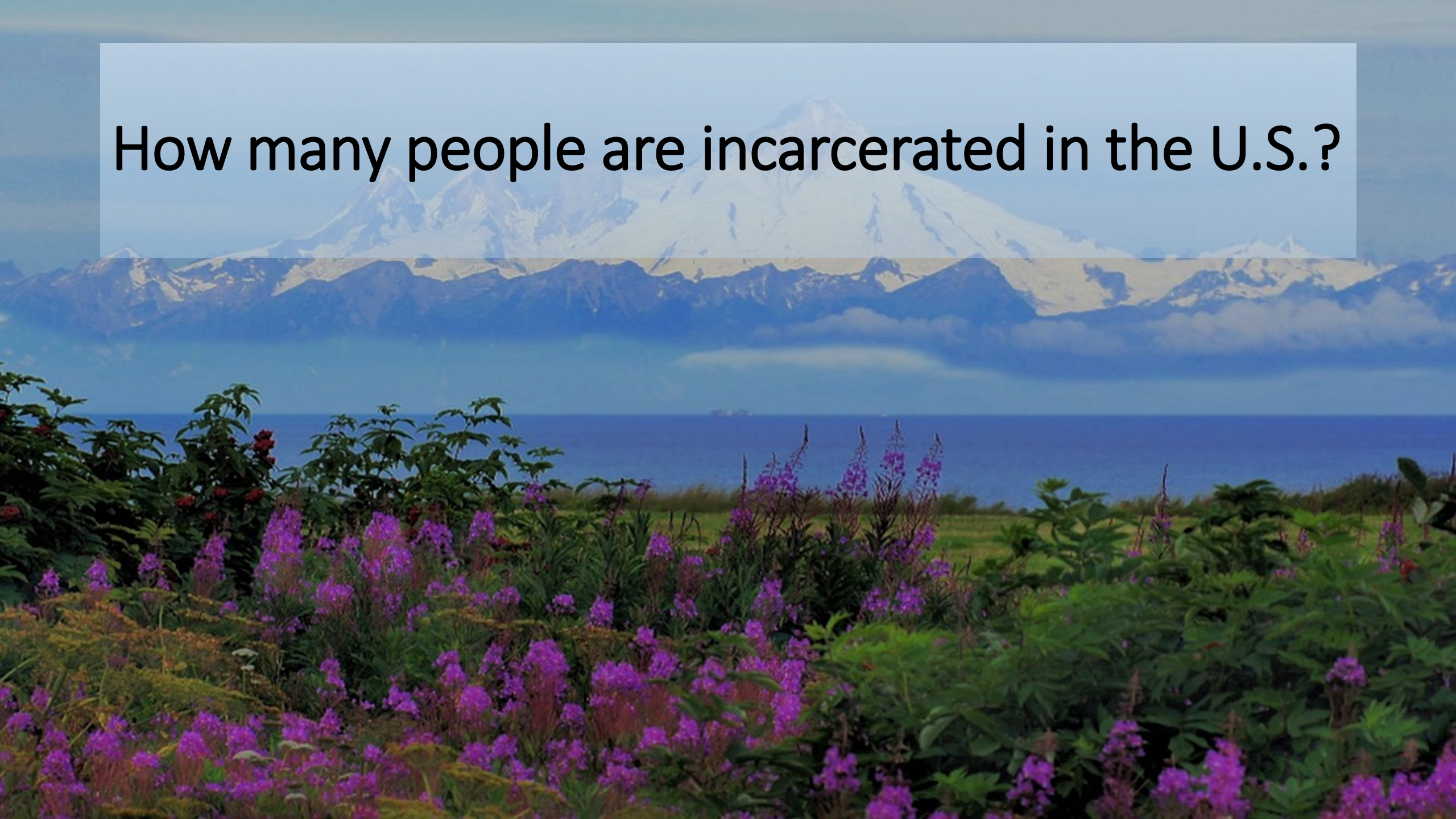
# Incarceration Nation: Reentry & Reality

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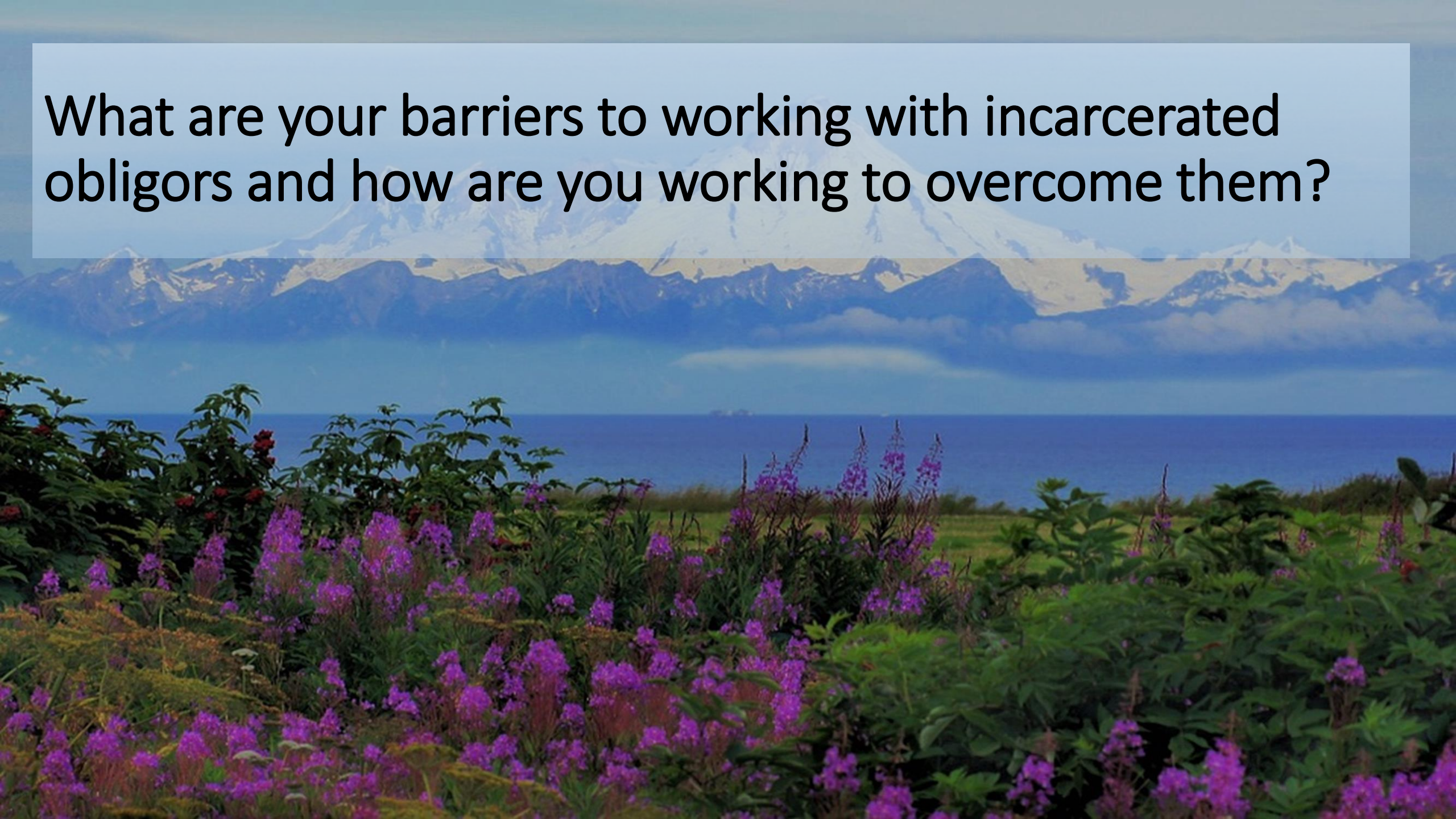
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- Each year, over 600,000 people are released from Federal and State prisons
- Annually, roughly 11.4 million people cycle through local jails nationwide
- 1 in 3 Americans of working age has an arrest record
- 2.7 million American children (1 in 28) have an incarcerated parent
- 1 in 31 adults in America is in prison or jail, or on probation or parole. Twenty-five years ago, the rate was 1 in 77.
- Two-thirds of offenders are in the community, not behind bars. 1 in 45 adults is on probation or parole and 1 in 100 is in prison or jail.

# How many people are incarcerated in the U.S.?

- California- **93,439** people with orders for current support and or an arrears balance who are flagged as currently incarcerated
- Washington- **12,955** NCPs who are justice-involved
- ROLLED MOA = \$ 1,479,513.17
- TOTAL ARREARS = \$ 268,380,138.40
- The number of NCPs who are currently incarcerated = **3,693**

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- Lack of timely and accurate locate data
- Initiatives with:
  - California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
  - OCSE
  - Justice Exchange

How are you communicating with  
incarcerated parents?



# How are you communicating with incarcerated parents?

- Kern County Kiosk
- Skype interviews
- Dedicated phone line

Ask a child support professional about

**GOAP**

Compromise of Arrears Program

**The Compromise of Arrears Program may help:**

- Remove large past due balances owed to the state.
- Remove barriers between families that were created due to the large debt

Kern County Department of Child Support Services Kids Come First



**Welcome**

Please have a seat and pick up the handset,  
a child support case worker will speak with you.

**CHILD  
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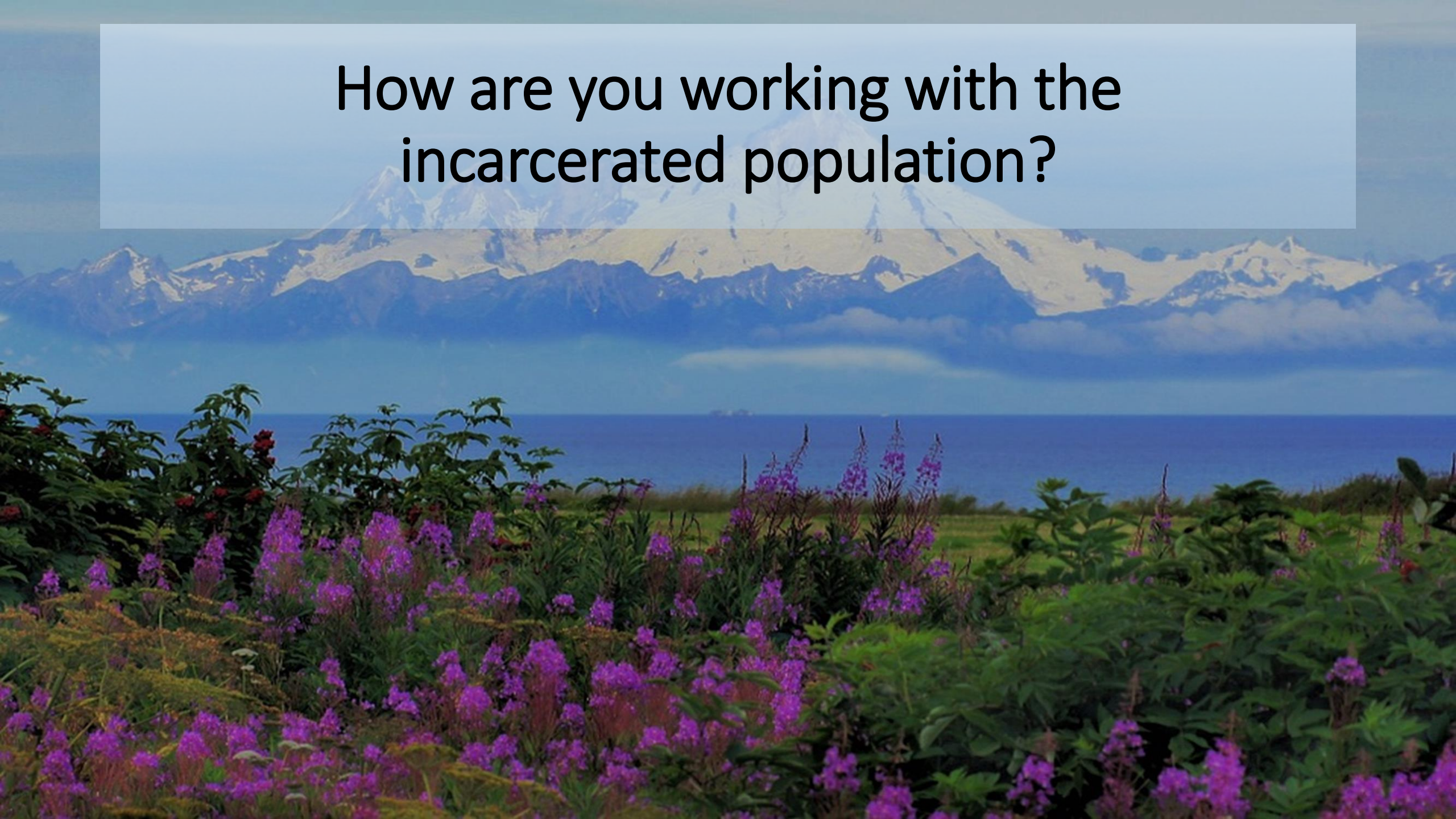
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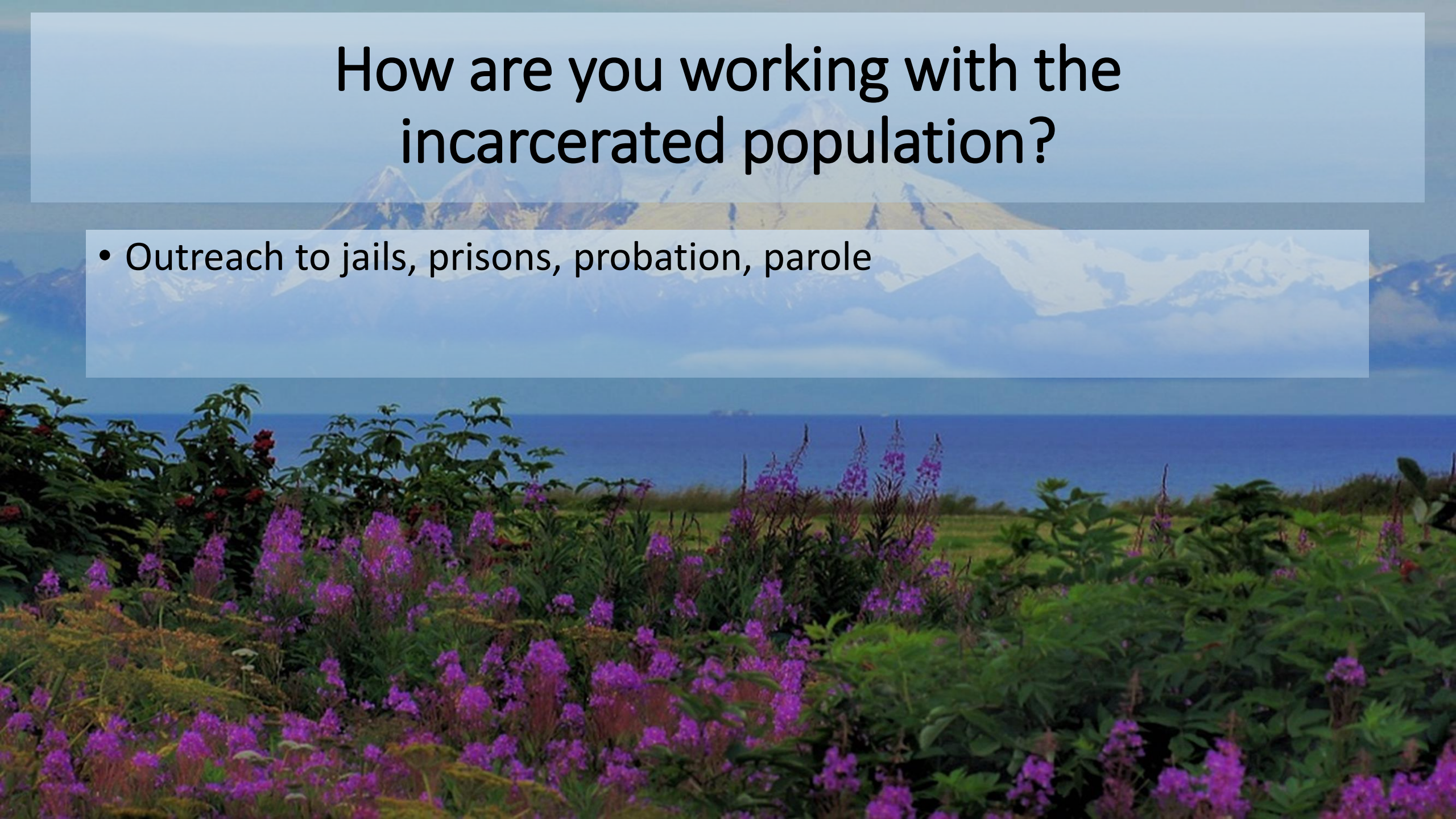
- California modifies the order to zero if the period of incarceration will last more than 90 days and there is no other source of income
- In process of implementing AB610, which allows administrative adjustment of the accounts if incarceration will be longer than 90 days

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- Outreach to jails, prisons, probation, parole



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- Child Support and Reentry
  - Why was this important?
  - Project Get Connected
- A Culture Change
  - “Right-sized” Orders
  - Alternative Solutions
- Washington’s Division of Child Support is “All-In”

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- Legal financial obligations
- Housing
- Training/Education
- Obligor contact
- King County Community Partnership for Transition Solutions

How do you communicate with  
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- King County CPTS General Assembly
- Partner Contact
- Reentry Corp
- Family Futures

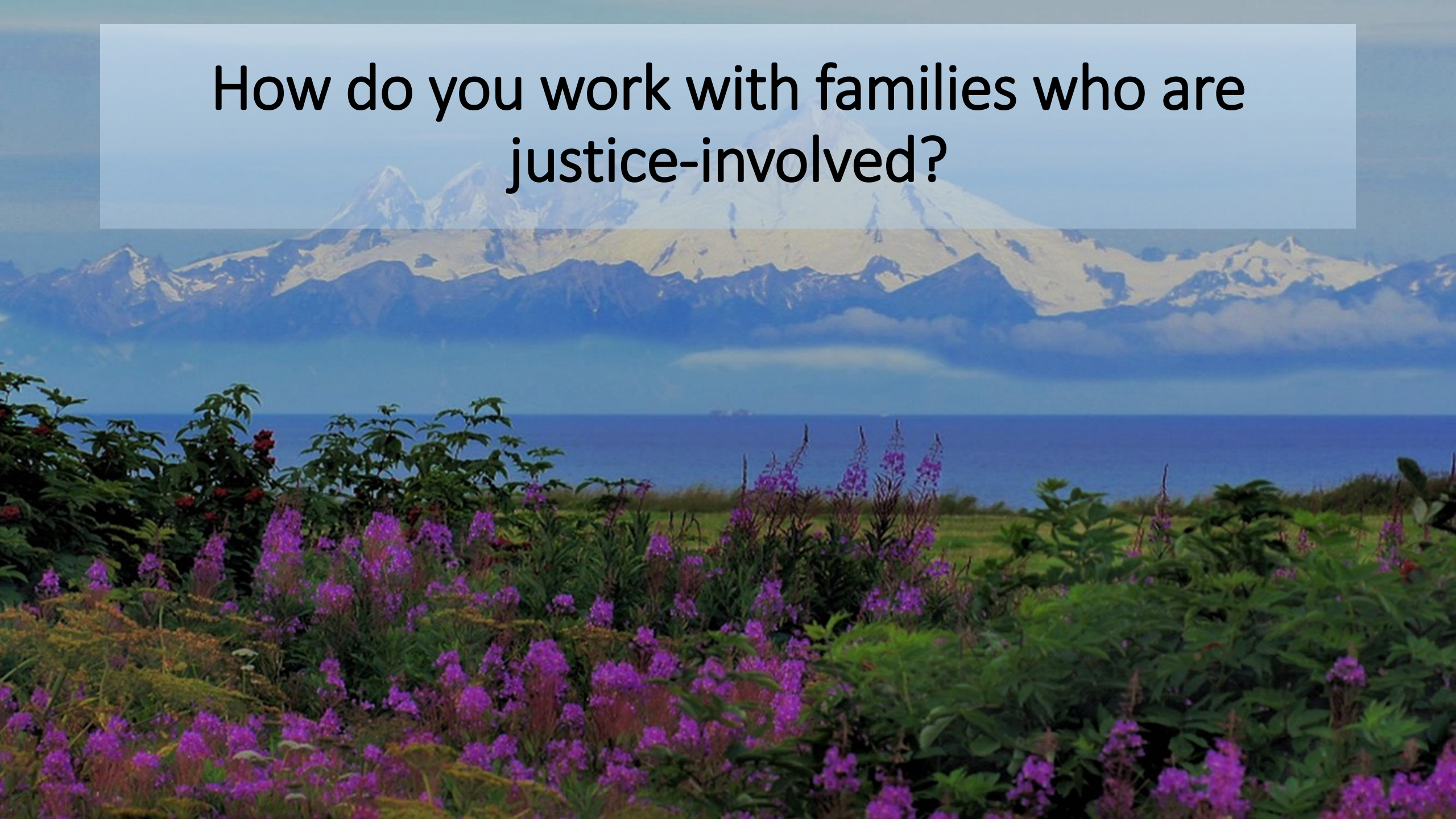
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- Stop withholds during work release
- Negotiate repayment
- Negotiate license suspension
- Assist with modifying Child Support Orders
- Facilitate state debt write-off
- Provide information and referrals – warm hand-off

How do you work with families who are  
justice-involved?



# How do you work with families who are justice-involved?

- Summer Institute
- Community Transition Solutions
- Spring Into Summer

Whether it is working with obligors who are currently incarcerated or those transitioning out of prison, what are a few lessons learned?



How do you think child support agencies can positively affect incarcerated obligors and those transitioning back into the community?



# Resources for Families

## **Sesame Street: Little Children, Big Challenges**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDUdniEig38> (YouTube Video)

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/toolkits/incarceration> (Tool kit)

## **Washington's An Unlikely Partnership: Strengthening Families Touched by Incarceration**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCRXwpnPTEs>

## **Youth Connections/Youth.gov – Resources for Children of Incarcerated Parents**

<https://youth.workforcegps.org/resources/2017/08/09/08/25/ChildrenofIncareratedParents>

## **King County Community Partnership for Transition Solutions**

[kccpts.org](http://kccpts.org)

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