

FAMILY ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

The **Family Participation Program** is seeking eight (8) individuals with an interest in becoming members of their **Family Advisory Board**. The purpose of this board is to improve the communication between the State of Michigan Department of Corrections and families of loved ones who are currently, or have been, incarcerated. The Family Advisory Board members will provide input, feedback, and an additional perspective concerning the issues that prisoners and families of prisoners face. Responsibilities will include:

- Bringing barriers, suggestions, and positive feedback to the Department of Corrections
- Growing an environment of trust, respect, and fairness between MDOC and families
- Promoting communication as well as visits between families and prisoners
- Working to make visits and family support more positive and meaningful
- Establishing a conduit for a constructive conversation between the Department and families
- Ensuring that families are welcomed and respected when they visit the facilities

Meetings will be held **quarterly**, beginning in January 2015. Attendance will be **required**. Between quarterly meetings the Advisory Board will meet with community support groups to solicit input from families throughout the state. *The Advisory Board seeks candidates from diverse populations who will look at all issues, seeking the good of many, rather than a personal agenda.* If interested, please complete this application and return it to: Citizens for Prison Reform (FAB) P.O. Box 80414 Lansing, MI 48908 or call 517-515-5787 with questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Specific prison experiences you have dealt with, i.e., mental health, guardianship, programming interests, etc.

Reason(s) for your interest: _____

How do your education, experience, skills, and abilities make you a candidate to represent families as a Family Advisory Board Member?

