

STATEMENT FROM WALTA WILLIAMS, MOTHER OF RANDY



Hello all, my name is Walta Williams, and my son Randy was put into solitary confinement in Syracuse when he was 16-years old.

When he was locked up in solitary, he tried to kill himself. As a parent, it's not possible to describe how scary it is to hear that.

I love my son. Before he went into solitary, I promised him everything was going to be okay, and that I would get him out of there. I had to

put my house up as collateral to get him bailed out of jail so he wouldn't have to deal with the torment.

But my heart goes out to all the parents who can't get their children out of solitary. I pray for all of them and their children.

You have to teach children that what they're doing is wrong. You can't just lock them up and throw the key away.

What is happening to these children is child abuse. A parent would get sent to jail for treating a child how the Justice Center is treating them every day.