Inmates train pets for families

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Andrea O'Brien and her family drive more than three hours to pick up their dog, J.D., from prison.

“Those dogs make the inmates believe in themselves. It’s pretty powerful.”

Toby Young
Program Director

“Gary Wade, an inmate at the correctional facility, said he agrees the benefits of the program can visit www.safeharborprisondogs.com. Anyone interested in adopting a dog or learning more about the program can take www.safeharborprisondogs.com.”

Xavier O'Brien and his mother Andrea play with J.D., a dog that was trained by inmates in the Lansing Correctional Facility in Lansing, Kan.

O'Brien discovered J.D. while searching online for a dog.

“Her online search brought her to the Safe Harbor Prison Dogs Program in No-"