

VCA

RESOURCES FOR ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT: Children with Incarcerated Parents

The following resources provide educational information to support children with parents who are incarcerated along with tips for engaging in important conversations. These tools explore the stigma children and families experience, and supportive ways to promote healing. The guidance and suggestions in these materials are subject to local program policies and practices. Please seek your supervisor for guidance.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

SESAME STREET IN COMMUNITIES

Offers bilingual printables, videos and more on topics to help the families you work with

BREATHE, THINK, DO WITH SESAME APP

Bilingual interactive activities to help practice self control, deep breathing, problem solving skills and more (ages 2-5)

TIPS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

SESAME STREET: INCARCERATION APP

Includes tips for caregivers, age-appropriate language to use (ages 3-8), coping strategies and videos featuring real families

HEALTHYCHILDREN.ORG

Offers information about the C.A.R.E.S. approach to help support resiliency

AWARENESS & ADVOCACY RESOURCES

DFPS INCARCERATED PARENTS RESOURCE GUIDE

TOOL KIT FOR ATTORNEYS A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE PAGES 125 - 126

CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION GATEWAY

HEALING FROM PARENTAL INCARCERATION TEDx

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN WITH AN INCARCERATED PARENT

IMAGINATION SOUP

PRAGMATIC MOM

NRCCFI BOOK & FILM RECOMMENDATIONS

Demetri Makes a Memory Quilt

This culturally sensitive book tells the story of a young boy whose mom is in prison. With the help of his family, he embarks on a creative healing process and explores ways to connect with his mom.



UNDERSTANDING PARENTAL RIGHTS

[Children's Commission Poster](#)
**Rights of Incarcerated Parents in
CPS Cases**

[Father's Rights in CPS Cases Brochure](#)
Fathers' rights explained

AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

Casey Family Programs

[Issue Brief Strong Families](#)
**Considerations when working with
children whose parent is
incarcerated**

Youth Communication

[Represent Magazine](#)
Stories by teens in foster care

Osborne Association

[Osborne Association Resources](#)

[See Us, Support Us](#)

[Youth Resource Toolkit](#)

Echoes of Incarceration

[Documentary Series: Youth](#)
[Turning the Lens on the Criminal](#)
[Justice System](#)

CORESPONDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

[CorrLinks](#)

[JPay](#)

[JailATM](#)