



Resources for Families in California

Recommended by Building Bonds Through Books

In addition to the book provided by BBTB, here are some resources families may find helpful in navigating education as well as community resources. We have also provided a supplemental reading list that your local librarian may help you find!

1. City of Inglewood: Children's Services (All Ages)

<https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1380/Childrens-Services>

T: 310-412-5645

The city of Inglewood, in conjunction with the local library, offers resources online to expand on reading and math skills, and even offers coding for kids!

2. Virtual Storytime (pre-k – 6th grade)

<https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1374/Virtual-Storytimes>

Also available through the library, there are virtual story time videos with picture books read aloud from pre-k through 4th grade and up.

3. City of Inglewood: Teen Services

<https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1385/Teen-Services>

T: 310-412-4280

The library offers teen services as well for the community. There are abundant resources for education and development, as well as mental health services. Volunteer matches through this site can also assist with boosting college applications.

4. Resource Guide for Teens with a Parent in Prison

<http://www.communityworkswest.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/projectwhat2008.pdf>

An extensive virtual guide that assists teens of incarcerated parents navigate the difficult questions they face.

Please refer to our National Resources page for further assistance!

Reading List:

Ages 3-8:

- Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba & Bria Royal
- What is Jail, Mommy? / Mami, ¿Qué es una cárcel? by Jacki Stanglin
- Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty
- Our Moms (Living with Incarcerated Parents) by Q. Futrell
- Kennedy's Big Visit by Daphne Brooks
- My Daddy's in Jail by Anthony Curcio

Ages 8-12:

- Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart by Vera B Williams
- Jakeman by Deborah Ellis
- An Inmate's Daughter by Jan Walker

Ages 12+:

- All I Ever Wanted...Stories of Children of the Incarcerated by Erika Duncan, Tanasha Y. Gordon

Parents/Guardians:

- Children with Incarcerated Mothers Separation, Loss, and Reunification by Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Danielle Dallaire