



Resources for Families in Kansas

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!

Play Free at Kansas Children's Discovery Center (Pre-k - 6)

<https://kansasdiscovery.org/page-2/play-free/>
Person of Contact: Dené Mosier, T: (785) 783-8300

With referrals from Topeka Correctional Facility, children of mothers (and sometimes grandmothers) who are incarcerated at TCF can enjoy a day of play-based education with their incarcerated parent. In addition to bonding opportunities, families can make art, participate in science activities, and explore the outdoors!

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.

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
- Almost Like Visiting by Shannon Ellis
- Someone I Know Lives in Prison by Rebecca Myers
- Mama Loves me from Away by Pat Brisson

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

Please refer to our National Resources page for further assistance!

