



Resources for Families in Maryland

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. Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) – Mentoring Children of Promise (All Ages)

<https://bbbsnca.org/mentoring-children-of-promise-initiative/>

Maryland Regional Office T: (301) 794-9170

DC Regional Office T: (202) 783-5585

Extensive program that offers 1-1 mentorships to youths and young adults to help them recognize and achieve their full potential. Partner up with individuals in the community including parents and other volunteers to serve as mentors

2. Hope House (All Ages)

Waiting on information.

3. US Dream Academy (Grades 2-12)

<https://www.usdreamacademy.org/our-locations>

Baltimore Location T: (443) 203-4993

DC Location T: (202) 645-3470

National Office T: (410) 772-7143

The Dream Academies in both Baltimore and DC are dedicated to helping CIP succeed in education as well as supporting them through mentoring. They create safe spaces for DreamKids and DreamTeens building strong and trusting relationships.

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. Furtrell
- 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

