



Resources for Families in Missouri

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. ACOPP (All Ages)

<https://acopp4change.org/>

T: (314) 265-6414

Assisting Children of Prison Parents (ACOPP) is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to CIP as well as surrounding communities. It is referral based through educational institutions, social service agencies, courts, outreach and self-enrollment.

2. HEARD Program (Ages 7-16)

ACOPP's HEARD program provides youth with an unbiased platform to be heard without fear or judgment. They are encouraged to express themselves freely and develop their skills and talents under the guidance of the mentors at HEARD.

3. St. Louis Public Library: Take and Make Kits (All Ages)

<https://www.spl.org/take-make-kits/>

T: (314) 241-2288

These kits are available on a first come first serve basis through the STL Public Library. New kits are available every month and contain most of the materials you need for an engaging hands-on project.

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