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# Nationwide Resources for Parents

Building Bonds Through Books

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## Programs Available While Under Supervision

### Alliance for Higher Education in Prison

This alliance offers a national database which can help locate higher education programs in prisons based on location. This database is consistently updated, so please check routinely to see updates on available locations.

<https://www.higheredinprison.org/national-directory>

### Adopt an Inmate

Adopt an Inmate helps people experiencing incarceration connect with outside volunteers through letter writing correspondence. You can build relationships for mentorship, support, and friendship!

We have included the admissions form and below is a link to the admissions form:

<https://adoptaninmate.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/AI-Inmate-Survey-2021-Consent.pdf>

Additionally, Adopt an Inmate takes art, poetry, book reviews, and story submissions to feature on their site to promote awareness of what life is like on the inside.

Below is a link to the art submissions pages:

<https://adoptaninmate.org/resources/inmate-art-submission-guide/>

### Prison Book Program

*Currently unavailable in CA, TX, IL, IN, MI, and NV.*

The Prison Book Program is available for incarcerated individuals to receive a complimentary book. While it is difficult to fulfill a specific title, they are able to locate books that interest an individual within 3-4 genres. Below are instructions on how to request books from the Prison Book Program:

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- Write a letter that includes: Your full name as known to the DOC. (No nicknames.) Your ID Number, full mailing address, and any restrictions on receiving books if known. Please also provide at least 3-4 subjects that interest you.
- MAIL REQUESTS TO:

**Prison Book Program**

**c/o Lucy Parsons Bookstore**

**1306 Hancock Street, Suite 100**

**Quincy, MA 02169**

## Programs for Reentry

### Volunteers of America - Correctional Reentry Services

The Volunteers of America has multiple locations in most states in the U.S. Their Reentry services can help with transitioning back into the community. They can provide reentering citizens with halfway houses, work-release programs, day reporting, and other family and treatment services. Below is a link to find an office near you:

<https://www.voa.org/find-an-office>

### National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens

This organization provides multiple services to assist with reentering society, including employment workshops, workplace emotional intelligence and conflict resolution skills, resumé and interview preparation, and financial literacy training. Their peer assistance services also assist in finding additional services for your family and children. DC residents can also utilize their reentry housing initiative. Below is a link for membership request:

<https://thenationalreentrynetwork.org/membership-request/>

### Thrive DC (DC based)

Thrive DC works to assist reentering citizens with case management, basic needs assistance (meals, toiletries, clothing, etc), life skills education, employment assistance, access to sobriety, and maintaining assistance and support. They also provide some transportation and training and certification to help with employment search.

Person of Contact: Kimberly Jones, T: (202) 503-1531, Em: [kimberly@thrivedc.org](mailto:kimberly@thrivedc.org)

## Additional Books

### 3-8 years old

1. ***Missing Daddy***, Mariame Kaba and Bria Royal
2. ***What is Jail, Mommy? / Mami, Ques es una Carcel?***, Jackie Stanglin
3. ***Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me***, Daniel Beaty
4. ***Kennedy's Big Visit***, Daphne Brooks
5. ***My Daddy's in Jail***, Anthony Curcio
6. ***Almost Like Visiting***, Shannon Ellis
7. ***Someone I Know Lives in Prison***, Rebecca Myers

### 8-12 years old

8. ***Amber was Brave, Essie was Smart***, Vera B. Williams
9. ***Jakeman***, Deborah Ellis
10. ***An Inmate's Daughter***, Jan Walker

### 12+ years old

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

## Books on Incarceration and Reentry for Incarcerated Parents:

1. ***Prisoners Once Removed: The Impact of Incarceration and Reentry on Children, Families, and Communities***, Jeremy Travis and Michelle Waul
2. ***Life Goes On Inside Prison***, Bobby Bostick
3. ***A Question of Freedom: A Memoir of Learning, Survival, and Coming of Age in Prison***, Dwayne Betts
4. ***Letters to an Incarcerated Brother***, Hill Harper
5. ***Getting Out: Success After Incarceration***, J.M. Wieland
6. ***Convicted and Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry***, Keesha Middlemass
7. ***Homeward: Life in the Year After Prison***, Bruce Western
8. ***Rethinking Reentry***, Brent Orrell
  - Link to download free pdf of this book:

<https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Rethinking-Reentry.pdf?x91208>