



Resources for Families in Ohio

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 and Sisters of Central Ohio (all ages)

<https://bbbscentralohio.org>

Big Brother/Sister programs located in Central Ohio for ages 5-21. A one-to-one mentoring program that matches children of incarcerated parents with volunteers from the community

2. Toledo Public Libraries

<https://www.toledolibrary.org/>

Toledo Public libraries have tons of resources for both adults and kids. These resources include educational help, kid programs, and job search help.

3. Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow (Teens)

<https://www.all-that.org/our-story>

Phone: (614)745-0007

Their mission is to mentor teenaged youth in academic achievement, life skill development and career planning to succeed in school and beyond. Located in Columbus Ohio.

Please refer to our National Resources page for further assistance!

4. Lower Lights (adults)

<https://www.lowerlights.org>

Lower Lights Ministries is a non-profit organization in Columbus, Ohio - breaking cycles of poverty and addiction for youth, adults and ex-offenders. Offers camp and mentoring programs for children 7-17 as well as many programs for adults.

Reading List:

Ages 3-8:

- Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba & Bria Royal
- 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