



# Resources for Families in Virginia

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. Oar (All Ages)

[https://oarnova.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Family\\_Support\\_Group\\_20.pdf](https://oarnova.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Family_Support_Group_20.pdf)

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Oar's Family Support Group offers a safe environment for the family and friends of those incarcerated to meet with one another and a trained facilitator to share their experiences and the challenges related to incarceration and the criminal justice system.

## 2. All God's Children Camp (Ages 7-12)

<https://vaumc.org/agcc/>

All God's Children Camp is a weeklong overnight camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated parent. One-to-one mentoring program where campers have an adult who walks alongside them for the week cheering them on, building them up, and encouraging them daily.

## 3. Mentor (TeAll Ages)

<https://www.mentoring.org/take-action/find-a-mentor/>

A database that helps to connect children of incarcerated parents to quality mentoring programs specific to age and location. Available programs in Virginia.

## 4. Assisting Families of Inmates (Parents and Guardians)

<https://afoi.org/familysupportgroup>

A virtual, open forum-style group for adults who are impacted by the incarceration of a loved one. Led by a social worker and peer facilitator, these groups are designed to be a place of regular support.

*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

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