



Resources for Families in North Carolina

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. Families Doing Time

<https://centerforcommunitytransitions.org/programs/families-doing-time/>

T: (704) 910-6387

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The Center for Community Transitions' Families Doing Time program is offered in multiple ways. Their Empowering Kids program (EKWIP) is offered in participating CMS schools and after school in the Newell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. They also offer Third Tuesday gatherings from Sept-May, enrichment institute activities, family support, and community outreach.

2. Charlotte Mecklenberg Public Library

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/services/childrens-services> (ages birth - 11)

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/services/teen-services> (ages 12-18)

The CMPL offers reading programs for children, VolunTeen opportunities for teens, and student services, including homework help, for all grade levels.

3. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle

<https://bigstri.org/enroll-a-child/>

T: (919)850-9772

BBBS offers a mentorship program that helps children become more confident, more likely to steer clear of drugs and alcohol, do better in school, get along better with their family and friends and feel better about themselves. To apply, you can fill out the form on the page in the link provided, and mail the form and a copy of your child's most recent report card to 808 Aviation Parkway, Suite 900 Morrisville, NC 27560.

Please refer to our National Resources page for further assistance!

4. Mothers And Their Children (MATCH)

http://www.mothersandtheirchildren.org/contact_us.aspx

Located on the grounds of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW) in Raleigh, North Carolina, MATCH provides a homelike visitation center where children can visit with their mothers. If you have a loved one in this facility, please use the link provided above to contact MATCH and learn more about how you can use their services.

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. 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

