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# Nationwide Resources for COIP

Building Bonds Through Books

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## Programs / Resources

### Big Brothers Big Sisters (Amachi Program)

Extensive program that offers 1-1 mentorships to youths and young adults to help them recognize and achieve their full potential. This partners children with individuals in the community, including parents and other volunteers, that serve as mentors. They have mentoring programs tailored to each individual's needs.

The Amachi program offers mentoring for Children with Incarcerated Parents, and has school-based and community based programs as well. You can enroll children through this link: <https://www.bbbs.org/school-based/>

### Girl Scouts Behind Bars

GSBB is a female-centered program that provides a unique chance for affected girls to maintain relationships with their incarcerated parents. Their goal is to help reduce the negative impacts of parent-child separation. Other programming is also available for free.

[https://www.girlscoutsww.org/en/events/girl\\_scouts\\_beyondbarsgsbb.html](https://www.girlscoutsww.org/en/events/girl_scouts_beyondbarsgsbb.html)

### Project Avary

Surrounds children with incarcerated parents with a community of mentors who will help them positively transform their lives to become successful and heal from their experiences. They also offer other helpful programs that can be seen at this link:

<https://www.projectavary.org/home>

### Kids Mates

An educational resource that provides information about other programs and books to assist COIP.

<https://www.kidsmates.org/programs>

<https://www.kidsmates.org/books>

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## Additional Books

### 3-8 years old

1. ***Missing Daddy***, Mariame Kaba and Bria Royal
2. ***Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me***, Daniel Beaty
3. ***Our Moms (Living with Incarcerated Parents)***, Q. Futrell
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. ***Mama Loves Me from Away***, Pat Brisson

### 8-12 years old

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

### 12+ years old

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