

SCOPE & IMPACT OF PARENTAL INCARCERATION

[A Shared Sentence: the Devastating Toll of Parental Incarceration on Kids, Families, and Communities](#)

A 2016 report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation providing an overview of current research on the impact of parental incarceration on children and families and best practices for serving this population.

[Children of the Prison Boom: Mass Incarceration and the Future of American Inequality](#)

A 2016 book by Sociologists Sara Wakefield and Christopher Wildeman drawing on survey data and qualitative interviews to describe the effects of mass incarceration for a generation of vulnerable children with particular emphasis on the acute and disproportionate impact of parental incarceration on Black youth and families.

[Doing Time on the Outside: The Hidden Effects of Incarceration on Families and Communities](#)

A 2004 study by Law Professor Donald Braman describing the far-reaching consequences of parental incarceration on the children and families of prisoners through a series of portraits of families of incarcerated people.

[Parents in Prison and Their Minor Children](#)

A 2010 special report from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics detailing the demographics and characteristics of incarcerated parents and their children.

FOR PROFESSIONALS SERVING VULNERABLE YOUTH POPULATIONS

[National Resource Center on Families and Children of the Incarcerated](#)

This Rutgers University-based clearinghouse maintains a national directory of programs, fact sheets, research, and other readings focused on the children and families of incarcerated people.

[Youth.Gov Resources for Supporting Children with Incarcerated Parents](#)

This site maintains toolkits and other resources for parents and caregivers, law enforcement personnel, teachers and school administrators, and social workers who interface with children with incarcerated parents.

[YOUTHREX Research and Evaluation Exchange](#)

This Ontario, Canada-based knowledge hub maintains over 1800 resources on best practices for serving, engaging and evaluating programs for vulnerable youth populations.

ON YOUTH-LED ORGANIZING STRATEGIES

[2021 Equity in Education Conference Keynote Speech](#)

Jeff Duncan Andrade - Associate Professor of Raza Studies and Education at San Francisco State University and Founder of Roses in Concrete Community School - offers inspiration and advice for cultivating "critical hope" among marginalized youth.

[Foster Youth in Action](#)

This national organization supporting youth-led organizing among foster youth offers two importance tools supporting youth and advocates interested in youth-led organizing approaches:

- [Youth-Led Organizing: A Strategy for Healing and Child Welfare Systems Change](#), a report on the history, impact, and best practices of youth-led organizing
- [Foster Power](#), a youth-led organizing curriculum for workshops and conferences

[The Future of Healing: Shifting from Trauma Informed Care to Healing Centered Engagement](#)

This 2018 blogpost by Shawn Ginwright - Associate Professor of Education in the Africana Studies Department at San Francisco State University - defines and advocates for healing-centered engagement, an approach that involves critical education and reflection.

[Hope & Healing in Urban Education: How Urban Activists and Teachers Are Reclaiming Matters of the Heart](#)

In this 2018 book, Shawn Ginwright uses ethnographic case studies from around the country to argue that healing a community is a form of political action, and to emphasize the need to place healing and hope at the center of educational and political strategies.

[Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom](#)

This 2008 book by bell hooks - writer, teacher, and black feminist intellectual - introduces education as the practice of freedom. Teaching students to "transgress" against racial, sexual, and class boundaries in order to achieve the gift of freedom is, for hooks, the teacher's most important goal.