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**I**ncarcerated  
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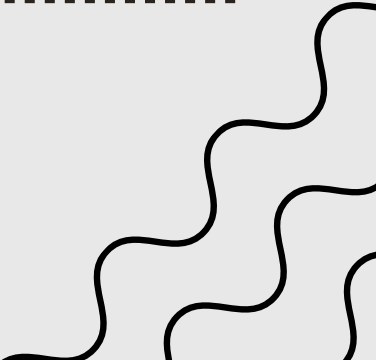
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# PROGRAMS & SUPPORT SERVICES

## → Youth Programs ←

### [Camp Agape](#)

A faith-based summer camp free for Oregon youth with incarcerated parents ages 8-17

### [Girl Scouts Beyond Bars of Oregon and SW Washington](#)

A girl scout program that strengthens bonds between girls and their mothers, aunts, sisters, or other family members incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Oregon's women's prison.

### [Keys, Beats, Bars](#)

A Portland-based collective of musicians and artists offers various programming for justice-impacted youth.

### [Pathfinders Network](#)

A Multnomah County organization offering mentoring for youth ages 7-14 and support groups, outdoor activities, and arts programming for high-school age youth with justice-involved parents.

### [Project Avary National Online Program](#)

This Bay Area organization supporting youth with incarcerated parents now facilitates a virtual curriculum and support groups for youth with incarcerated parents across the US.

### [WE GOT US NOW](#)

A national organization founded and led by people with incarcerated parents that works to dismantle mass incarceration by changing the narrative about incarcerated people. We Got Us Now offers an "actionist fellowship" to support advocacy campaigns and projects spearheaded by individuals with incarcerated parents.

### [Your Champion](#) (website and programming under development)

A youth-led organization building a network of children with incarcerated parents across Oregon to support the implementation of the Oregon Children with Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights, which was passed by the legislature in 2016.



# Support for Incarcerated Parents, Caregivers, and Family Members



## [Angel Tree](#)

A faith-based organization connecting churches to incarcerated parents and their loved ones by providing Christmas presents for children with incarcerated parents.

## [Family Preservation Project](#)

An organization housed within the YWCA of Greater Portland providing cohort-based parenting and family unification programs, a crisis center, reentry support, and advocacy opportunities for mothers currently and formerly incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

## [Friends and Family Handbook](#)

A handbook developed by the Oregon Department of Corrections in partnership with CURE to help family members of incarcerated people get a basic idea of rules, procedures, and what to expect so they can support their loved one from intake and assessment through release.

## [Oregon Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants \(CURE\)](#)

An advocacy organization providing information on resources and events for incarcerated people and their families, including support groups and other services.

## [Pathfinders Network](#)

A Multnomah County-based organization offering a variety of programs designed to assist with family reunification and strengthening, including parenting classes for incarcerated people and mentorship for the partners of incarcerated parents.

# MEDIA

## → Short Films & Videos ←

### [Caring Through Struggle: Caregivers of Children with Incarcerated Parents](#)

Young filmmakers with incarcerated parents participating in the [Echoes of Incarceration](#) Project journey to understand their childhoods being brought up by grandparents, and by extension, the issues caregivers face when raising a child with an incarcerated parent.

### [Healing from Parental Incarceration](#)

In this TEDxCincinnatiWomen talk, Dr. Nicole Ausmer describes the unique social and emotional needs of children with incarcerated parents and the importance of creating spaces for them to heal and grieve the loss of a parent.

### [In Their Words](#)

A youth.gov video featuring the stories of four young women who have incarcerated parents.

### [Little Children, Big Challenges](#)

This Sesame Street series on incarceration features numerous videos offering emotional support and creative advice for children with incarcerated parents and their caregivers.

### [School Staff: Supporting Youth with Incarcerated Parents](#)

A youth.gov video offering advice and tools for teachers and other school staff working with youth with incarcerated parents.

### [Social Workers: Supporting Youth with Incarcerated Parents](#)

A youth.gov video offering advice and tools for social workers who support youth with incarcerated parents.

# → Podcasts ←

## [“Are You Listening?”](#)

This episode from [Ear Hustle](#) – an award-winning podcast produced by people incarcerated at San Quentin prison – features the work of Project Avary, a program supporting Bay Area youth with incarcerated parents.

## [WE GOT US NOW Podcast](#)

This two-season podcast series shines a spotlight on the stories and patterns of experience of people with incarcerated parents across the US.

## [The Impact of Parental Incarceration](#)

This episode from the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s podcast [Casey Cast](#) explores the impact of parental incarceration from the perspective of social worker Tanya Krupat, coordinator of the New York Initiative for Children with Incarcerated Parents.

## [Visiting Room: A Safe Space for Children with Incarcerated Parents](#)

A podcast series offering tools and advice for navigating and strengthening relationships between children and their incarcerated parents.

# → Children's Books & ← Young Adult Literature

## [10 Books About Kids with Incarcerated Parents](#)

This list, compiled by young adult author A. J. Pacquette, highlights picture to middle grade books featuring children of incarcerated parents.

## [Children's Books About Incarceration and Detention](#)

The website What We Do All Day compiled this book list for young children through middle grade readers that touches on different aspects of incarceration, including unjust detention of incarcerated parents, the emotional difficulty of being separated from loved ones, and the inhumanity of detention.

## [Children's and Young Adult Fiction Featuring a Child with an Incarcerated Parent](#)

Author Mitali Perkins compiled this list of books arranged by age appropriateness from picture books through young adult literature.

## [See You Soon](#)

This picture book by Mariame Kaba and Bianca Diaz tells the story of a little girl's worries when her Mama goes to jail and the love that bridges the distance between them.

The Oregon Justice Resource Center's Youth Justice Initiative has 50 copies to donate. If you know of someone who has an appropriate age child, contact us at [nlindahl@willamette.edu](mailto:nlindahl@willamette.edu) and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to them.

# ACADEMIC & POLICY RESOURCES

## → 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.