

CHAPTER 7 FAMILY & RELATIONSHIP RESOURCES

"It's never too late to be what you might have been." ~ George Eliot

Parenting is a life-transforming experience where personal responsibility takes priority over all other factors. Parenthood requires taking responsibility for loved ones and helping them to create an exciting and meaningful future. The resources listed within this section were chosen for their ability to provide individuals with the tools and resources necessary to ensure healthy and productive relationships. Time spent separated from loved ones should be utilized to strengthen and enhance the relationship.

CHILD SUPPORT ASSISTANCE

OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css/resource/reentry>

The Child Support Enforcement Program is a federal, state, and local effort to locate parents, their employers and/or their assets; establish paternity if necessary; and establish and enforce child support orders. State and local Child Support Enforcement offices provide daily operation of the programs. The role of the federal government is to provide funding, issue policies, ensure that federal requirements are met, and interact with other federal agencies that help support the Child Support Enforcement Program.

The Office of Child Support Enforcement has created a series of printable resources on how to change a child support order in specific states and jurisdictions. To review these documents, please see [Appendix 7-A: Changing a Child Support Order](#) for the appropriate links.

National Contact:

Administration for Children and Families
Office of Child Support Enforcement
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW
Washington, DC 20447
P: 202.401.9373

State Contact:

Please refer to [Appendix 7-B: State Child Support Enforcement Offices](#).

Additional Resources:

Office of Child Support Enforcement, *Child Support Enforcement Handbook*
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/programs/css/child_support_handbook_with_toc.pdf

Office of Child Support Enforcement, *Guide to Changing a Child Support Order*
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/programs/css/changing_a_child_support_order.pdf

Office of Child Support Enforcement, *Frequently Asked Questions*
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css/faq>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REDUCTION OPTIONS

HARM REDUCTION COALITION

<http://www.harmreduction.org>

The Harm Reduction Coalition is a national advocacy and capacity building organization dedicated to promoting the dignity of individuals impacted by drug use and other social stigmas. The Harm Reduction Coalition produces and disseminates a wide variety of brochures and manuals to educate and inform those most in need.



**REENTRY
SOURCEBOOK**
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PRINT BOOK
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\$24.97 + Shipping \$5.99

**CLASSROOM
PRINT SET** (Package of 20)

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National Contact:

Harm Reduction Coalition
22 West 27th Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10001
P: 212.213.6376

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

<http://www.ncadv.org>

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a nonprofit organization comprised of individuals concerned for the wellbeing of battered women and their families. This program supports and engages battered women of all racial, social, religious, economic groups, ages and lifestyles. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is opposed to the use of violence as a means of control over others and supports equality in relationships and the concept of helping women assert power over their lives.

National Contact:

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
1 Broadway, Suite B210
Denver, CO 80203
P: 303.839.1852

Additional Resources:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Domestic Violence: Older Women Can be Victims Too*
<https://publications.usa.gov/USAPubs.php?PubID=635>

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

<http://www.ndvh.org>

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is available in over 140 languages and operates 24 hours a day. For direct and confidential assistance call 800.799.7223 and speak to a trained specialist.

PARENTING RESOURCES & ADVOCACY AGENCIES

There are many organizations and agencies that provide services to incarcerated parents, children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers. By utilizing the resources and assistance provided through the following agencies, individuals are encouraged to build or rebuild the parent-child bond and address any issues that would preclude future involvement in the lives of those involved.

AID TO INCARCERATED MOTHERS

<http://www.aim-ma.org>

Aid to Incarcerated Mothers is a national nonprofit organization that provides help to incarcerated mothers with keeping their families together, obtaining support services and counseling for children, and locating assistance with transitional needs to ensure a safe and successful community reintegration.

National Contact:

Aid to Incarcerated Mothers
32 Rutland Street, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02118
P: 617.536.0058

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA

<http://www.bbbsa.org>

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America provides volunteer and professional services to assist children and youth in achieving their highest potential as they grow. There are over 700 Big Brother/Big Sisters agencies nationwide where more than 75,000 children are matched with adult volunteers annually. The agency also provides counseling, referral, and family support services to more than 100,000 families each year. Additionally, some programs focus on children with special needs including physical or learning disabilities, as well as those who are abused, neglected or have dropped out of school.

National Contact:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America
230 North 13th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
P: 215.567.7000

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

<http://www.bgca.org>

Boys & Girls Clubs of America is a private, nonprofit organization providing developmental programs for disadvantaged young people. Boys & Girls Clubs of America coordinates a national network of centers throughout the United States that provide programs and services designed to enhance the lives of disadvantaged young people and their families. Programs include after school activities, educational training and personal growth and development services for those most in need.

National Contact:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America
1275 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, GA 30309
P: 404.487.5700

CENTER FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

<http://www.e-ccip.org>

The Center for Children of Incarcerated Parent's mission is the prevention of intergenerational crime and incarceration. Their goals are met through the production of high quality documentation and the development of model services for children of criminal offenders and their families. The Center of Incarcerated Parents offers educational projects in three formats, 1) correspondence centers nationwide for incarcerated parents, 2) courses taught by trained staff regionally, and 3) training of instructors to teach approved curricula. Interested individuals are encouraged to write for a catalog of resources and materials available free of charge to incarcerated parents.

National Contact:

Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents
P.O. Box 41-286
Eagle Rock, CA 90041
P: 626.449.2470

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA

<http://www.cwla.org>

The Child Welfare League of America is a national nonprofit organization with over 800 affiliated public and private agencies that together serve more than 2 million children and families every year. The Child Welfare League of America and its agencies offer services for the many areas of child welfare including child protection, chemical dependency prevention and treatment, and housing and homelessness.

National Contact:

Child Welfare League of America
440 First Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20001
P: 202.638.2952

THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF THE INCARCERATED

<http://www.nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu>

The National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated became a part of the Rutgers University – Camden campus in October 2013.

NRCCFI began as the Family and Corrections Network (FCN), founded by Jim Mustin in 1983 as the first national organization in the United States focused on Families of the incarcerated. In 2006, the Federal Resource center on Children of Prisoners merged with FCN to create NRCCFI.

The mission of the National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated at Rutgers Camden is to raise awareness about the needs and concerns of the children of the incarcerated and their families by:

- Disseminating accurate and relevant information and research
- Guide the development of family strengthening policy and practice
- Train, prepare, and inspire those working in the field, and
- Include the families in defining the issues and designing solutions

If you would like to learn more about the programs and services available in your area to assist children and families of the incarcerated, please see the Directory of Programs Serving Children and Families of the Incarcerated. The Directory of Programs Serving Children and Families of the Incarcerated is an update of the Directory of Programs Serving Families of Adult Offenders, dated October 2001.

National Contact:

The National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated
405-7 Cooper Street, Room 103
Camden, NJ 08102
P: 856.225.2718

Additional Resources:

National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated, *National Programs*
<http://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu/resources/directory/national-programs/>

National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated, *Programs in States AL through MO*
<http://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu/resources/directory/states-al-mo/>

National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated, *Programs in States MT through WY*
<http://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu/resources/directory/states-mt-wy/>

National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated, *International Programs*
<http://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu/resources/directory/international-programs/>

NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

<http://www.fatherhood.org>

The National Fatherhood Initiative's mission is to improve the well being of children by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible and committed fathers. As part of the National Fatherhood Initiative's mission to disseminate educational materials to the public and to help men become better fathers, they have developed several informative resources that emphasize the importance of fathers in their children's life.

National Contact:

National Fatherhood Initiative
P.O. Box 126157
Harrisburg, PA 17112
P: 434.589.3036

NATIONAL INCARCERATED PARENTS AND FAMILIES NETWORK

<http://www.incarceratedparents.org>

The National Incarcerated Parents and Families Network is a national nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to decreasing the effects of crime on communities, increasing public safety, and ministering to and restoring both crime victims and offenders. The National Incarcerated Parents and Families Network achieves its goals by educating and informing the public at large, advocating cost-effective and practical reforms within the criminal justice system and by supporting and encouraging wise public policy.

National Contact:

National Incarcerated Parents and Families Network
P.O. Box 6745
Harrisburg, PA 6745
P: Not Provided

NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

<http://www.1800runaway.org>

The National Runaway Switchboard helps keep America's runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. The organization serves as the federally designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth. The National Runaway Switchboard is staffed by trained specialists who provide assistance and referral information to anyone without regard to age or circumstances. Assistance is available 24 hours a day by calling their hotline at 800.786.2929.

National Contact:

National Runaway Switchboard
3080 North Lincoln Avenue
Chicago, IL 60657
P: 773.880.9860

SESAMEWORKSHOP

<http://www.sesameworkshop.org>

Sesame Workshop is the nonprofit educational organization that revolutionized children's television programming with the landmark Sesame Street. Beyond television, the Workshop produces content for multiple media platforms on a wide range of issues including literacy, health, and military deployment. Initiatives meet specific needs to help young children and families develop critical skills, acquire healthy habits, and build emotional strength to prepare for lifelong learning.

Additional Resources:

SesameWorkshop, *Little Children BIG Challenges: Incarceration*
<http://www.sesamestreet.org/incarceration>

YMCA | YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

<http://www.ymca.org>

The YMCA is one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive nonprofit service organizations. YMCA provides health and fitness; social and personal development; sports and recreation; education and career development; and camps and conferences to children, young adults, the elderly, families, the disabled, refugees and foreign nationals, YMCA residents, and community residents, through a broad range of specific programs.

National Contact:

YMCA | Young Men's Christian Association
801 North Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60610
P: 312.932.1200

YWCA | YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

<http://www.ywca.org>

The YWCA is a nonprofit organization that represents more than 25 million women worldwide. YWCA is committed to empowering women to overcome racism and injustice. YWCA provides shelter to women and children who are homeless or have been victims of domestic violence. YWCA also offers employment training, GED and ESL courses, Welfare-to-Work programs, and career counseling workshops.

National Contact:

YWCA | Young Women's Christian Association
610 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022
P: 212.755.4500