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Happy New Year from
the Family-Based Justice Center



Time seems to keep passing faster and faster. It's already 2024, and we pause to appreciate the progress made in the last year to understand and address the challenges confronting justice-involved families. We have met many of you who are determined to improve the lives of justice-involved people, their partners, parents, children, and other family and friends. We salute your efforts. Your dedication is inspiring, and we are grateful to learn from you.

Here are some resources on justice-involved families with suggestions for improving outcomes.

Resources:

Mass incarceration harms families, but there is a strategy for [family-friendly criminal justice interventions](#).

Parental incarceration has profound effects on children, who need [effective solutions](#).

[A report](#) addresses family separation due to “nonincarceration mass incarceration.”

The HHS Children’s Bureau Learning and Coordination Center is offering a webinar, “Keeping Strong Connections: Supporting Incarcerated Mothers and their Children,” on January 31 at 2 p.m. EST. [Registration](#) is free.

In the News:

Washington State lawmakers consider free prison phone calls to help [keep families connected](#).

Recommended:

In [Somebody's Daughter](#), Ashley C. Ford writes about growing up poor, Black, and with a father in prison. She describes the experience and emotions of having an incarcerated parent, her deep connection to her grandmother, and her complex relationship with her mother. Her story is profound and poignant, but she will also make you laugh out loud.

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