

Children of Incarcerated Parents Launches Website

There are 2.7 million children in the United States with an incarcerated parent. On June 12, 2013, the Federal Interagency Working Group on *Children of Incarcerated Parents (COIP)*, led by the Domestic Policy Council (DPC), officially launched its website <http://findyouthinfo.gov/youth-topics/children-of-incarcerated-parents>. Here service providers, families, and caregivers can access information and tools for better supporting the needs of COIP, and follow the federal government's efforts regarding improving outcomes for this population.

The COIP Federal Working Group also launched an official partnership with Sesame Street in order to promote awareness to the importance of helping children with incarcerated parents better cope with this life experience. In order to support children with an incarcerated parent and help them persevere through such a challenging experience, Sesame Workshop launched the *Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration* initiative. The bi-lingual (English/Spanish) resources include videos and a storybook for children to help support and comfort them, videos and guides for parents and caregivers to help them find the language to talk about incarceration with their children, and a resource for the incarcerated parent that highlights the importance of communication

Please see the below resources/tools provided by Sesame Street
<http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/incarceration>

We're excited to share with you a new way to spread the word about *Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration!*

Check it out here: <http://www.sesameworkshop.org/incarceration/>

FACEBOOK

Share our post: <https://www.facebook.com/SesameStreet/posts/10151729672209549>
1 in 28 children in the United States have a parent in state or federal prison. In order to raise awareness about the experiences of young children with an incarcerated parent, we created Little Children, Big Challenges: Incarceration. Check out more on this website.
www.Sesameworkshop.org/incarceration

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You can retweet us from <https://twitter.com/sesamestreet>, or create your own tweet with help from the samples below:

SAMPLE TWEETS:

- When a parent is suddenly absent, it's easy for a child to believe he or she is responsible. <http://tinyurl.com/qf4j592>
- Children with an incarcerated parent feel a complex array of emotions. <http://tinyurl.com/ogeuov5>
- Contact between a child and an incarcerated parent is important, but can be complicated. <http://tinyurl.com/qaworl4>
- At-home caregivers are invaluable when a parent is incarcerated, but many children still struggle. <http://tinyurl.com/qjnwuex>

TUMBLR

<http://sesamestreet.tumblr.com/post/55615664589/1-in-28-children-in-the-u-s-have-an-incarcerated>

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