

Serving Time, Too

WQED Documentary

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important for children and incarcerated parents to stay connected and have the opportunity to spend time together? What do you think could be potential benefits both short-term and long-term?
2. What are some ways to validate the relationships of children and adolescents with their incarcerated parent without stigmatizing them?
3. Why do you think children and families are an afterthought or not thought of at all when it comes to the justice and prison system?
4. What are the biases we have towards individuals who are incarcerated? How do those biases affect how we treat them?
5. What is the purpose of prisons? To protect society, to punish, to give justice to victims, to rehabilitate? How successful is the current prison system at doing this purpose? Can you imagine alternatives that might make more sense?

Resources

- ❖ Sesame Street Toolkit | Coping with Incarceration
<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/incarceration/>
- ❖ What is Incarceration (video)
<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/activities/what-is-incarceration/>
- ❖ In My Family (online storybook)
<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/activities/in-my-family-storybook/>
- ❖ Hard Questions Kids Ask <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/activities/ask-me-anything/>
- ❖ Staying Connected <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/activities/staying-connected/>