

SEE US, SUPPORT US

Ten Years of the Children of Incarcerated Parents' Bill of Rights



2.7 million

An estimated 1 in 28 children in the U.S. have an incarcerated parent. That's 2.7 million children, nationwide.



105,000

In New York State, an estimated 105,000 minor children have a parent serving time in prison or jail at any one time.



53,981

A 5-month survey conducted across 4 NYC boroughs in 2010 revealed that 53,981 children were affected by a parent's/caregiver's arrest.

Ten years ago, the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership launched an effort to turn the *Children of Incarcerated Parents' Bill of Rights* into realities. While progress has been made, the invisibility of the millions of children with an incarcerated parent persists. Despite the fact that one in 28 children in the US has an incarcerated parent, most organizations serving children are unaware of how this issue is affecting their clients. This invisibility harms children and prevents service providers from helping children and families to their best ability. This October, the NY Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents is launching **SEE US, SUPPORT US**, a month of activities to shed light on this invisible population. We ask you to join us by taking a pledge to **SEE** and **SUPPORT** these children.

Why Take the Pledge?

Children with incarcerated parents are at risk for a host of economic, emotional, physical, and social challenges. Invisibility and stigma increase this risk. Improving data collection and the ability to track well-being and outcomes will benefit children and families directly, and also form the needed justification for program development, resource allocation, and support for the professionals working with children. Identifying and supporting these children is a win-win: promoting child well-being and public safety, while reducing costs to the City, and cultivating a new generation of bright and promising New Yorkers.

Take the SEE US, SUPPORT US PLEDGE starting September 14th at WWW.OSBORNEY.ORG/SUSU

- Receive daily facts in October, including tips to create safe spaces, the *Children of Incarcerated Parents' Bill of Rights*, statistics, and resources to learn how to better support these children.
- Participate in Snapshot Week:** Report how many children of incarcerated parents your organization serves during the week of October 19th. **Contact the NY Initiative** to participate and receive technical assistance.
- Screen the Echoes of Incarceration films created by and about children of incarcerated parents: www.echoesofincarceration.org
- Show a video of Daniel Beaty's *Knock Knock* poem. Help staff understand how children experience the loss of a parent to incarceration: http://bit.ly/Beaty_knock
- Distribute **Creating Safe Spaces** fact sheet to your staff.
- Post the ***Children of Incarcerated Parents' Bill of Rights*** to signal to families that your organization is a supportive space.
- Follow us on Twitter [@osborneny](https://twitter.com/osborneny), use [#SeeUsSupportUs](https://twitter.com/hashtag/SeeUsSupportUs), and like the **NY Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents' Facebook page**.

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