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The Literacy Link: Connecting children in justice-involved families with literacy-rich experiences and environments

We know that children with incarcerated parents are at risk for delays in learning. Having a parent involved in the justice system creates additional stress on children.

The Literacy Link fosters positive, literacy-based interactions between young children and their justice-involved parents and caregivers. We create environments that nurture children's language and literacy development during jail visits and beyond.

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The Literacy Link

- *Making Reading Memories* recorded book reading program – a virtual literacy connection between jailed parents and their children
- *TeleStory* – free, real-time literacy-focused video visits in community libraries
- Child-friendly Visitation Spaces -- learning-rich jail and justice settings that foster parent-child engagement
- Parenting Education and Support – science-based education that boosts the nurturing skills of justice-involved parents



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