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Because your daddy’s away? And you miss him? Yeah but because of where he is too. My dad is... My dad’s in jail.” “I love that sesame street, you know, took a large step in the right direction. In order to unveil this hidden phenomenon.” WHEN IT COMES TO HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED, RESEARCHERS LIKE DR. BAHIYYAH MUHAMMAD ARE NOT 100% SURE. “Children of incarcerated parents are a hidden population. we’re still estimating the numbers of children that are affected. And we get those numbers from the number of people who are incarcerated across the nation” ACCORDING TO THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER CURRENTLY 2.7 MILLION AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE PARENTS WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE HAD A PARENT IN JAIL OR PRISON AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES. THE REMOVAL OF THE PARENT OR PARENTS FROM THE CHILD’S LIFE HAS EVERLASTING EFFECTS. PART OF THE PROBLEM STARTS WITH HAVING THE CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN ABOUT THE GIVEN SITUATION OF THEIR PARENTS.“The conversation you know about incarceration becuase a s adults for some reason we’re under the impression that kids don’t get it but they do”MOTHER, KAREEMA BURGESS HAS THREE CHILDREN WITH FATHERS WHO ARE OR HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED DURING HER CHILDREN'S CHILDHOOD “ two out of three children i use to tell them that their father was in school, I didn't want them to know that their father was in prison cause i knew that it was going to affect them and make them sad” WITH HER YOUNGEST CHILD WHOSE FATHER HAS RECENTLY GONE TO JAIL SHE’S DECIDED TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY“Being told that your father is in school and never having the answer well i'm in school i come home everyday why my father can't come home everyday was a hard question to answer and it affected them throughout their life so i decided to be truthful when my eleven year old father went to prison”CHILDREN ARE OFTEN AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THEM AND HIDING FROM THEM CAN CAUSE ANIMOSITY AS DR. MUHAMMAD FOUND IN HER DOCTORAL RESEARCH“He’s like I know where my dad is, and this f’n sucks. I’m gonna make my grandmother's life a living hell. I’m gonna fight every day in school so she has to leave work. Why is she lying to me? Don’t I deserve the truth?” CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS PRESCHOOLERS CAN BE MADE AWARE OF THEIR PARENT BEING INCARCERATED DEPENDING ON THEIR EMOTIONAL MATURITY. “ developmentally you would have to identify where that particular child is and determine how you want to go about it”BURGESS HAS SEEN RECENT CHANGES IN HER SON'S BEHAVIOR SINCE HIS FATHER'S INCARCERATION. “He’s become angry, he became isolated, he became defiant more vocal he went from a submissive child to a very angry and vocal child”BURGESS’ 17 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER JERMANEI HAD SIMILAR EFFECTS AS A RESULT OF HER FATHER BEING INCARCERATED WHEN SHE WAS A YOUNG CHILD.“ I had a lot of anger problems. I got suspended a lot. I got in trouble at home alot, punishment. I say punishment was my middle name.”RASHAUN HERNANDEZ’S FATHER WENT TO PRISON WHEN HE WAS ONE YEAR OLD AND SERVED 26 YEARS. AS A RESULT HERNANDEZ EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE SAME ANGER.“ There was points where i said i don't feel sorry for him he should be there for what he did”DESPITE THE ANGER HERNANDEZ MAY HAVE FELT HE WAS STILL AFFECTED BY HIS FATHER BEING IN PRISON.“ The most important thing that i missed out on is just the bond that me and him could of had we never got to develop a father son bond”RASHAWN’S FATHER, JOSE HERNANDEZ SPENT 26 YEARS IN PRISON.“ everything, their whole lives. From a child, to that first step, calling me daddy, holding him. Playing sports, hobbies, everything in life. I lost everything” 24 YEAR OLD YASMINE ARRINGTON IS THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARCHIPS. HER FATHER HAS BEEN IN PRISON ALMOST ALL OF HER LIFE.“In Elementary school we use to have a father daughter dance it used to tear me apart because it was just like i can try to bring my uncle i can try to bring my grandfather maybe but i can not bring my father.”AFTER A BRIEF STINT IN PRISON, 20 YEAR OLD KWESI NICKS FACES UP TO 30 YEARS; AND HAS A YOUNG DAUGHTER. “I missed my daughter’s thanksgiving, her first christmas, her first new years and that wasn’t... i mean it feel like... i wish i could've been there for those.” RESOURCES LIKE DR. MUHAMMAD’S PRISON ALPHABET BOOK CAN HELP EDUCATE CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS.“The coloring book is really an opportunity to empower the youth. To give them a voice and allow them to be able to engage with their caregiver. THE COLORING BOOK IS ALSO A TOOL THAT CAN ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS CHILDREN MAY HAVE. “The reality of it is that their questions revolved around the safety of their parents. Like i have ‘D’ is for dentist. One of the kids that I interviewed, an 8 year old asked me, ‘when my dad gets a toothache where does he go’”AND WHEN THESE CHILDREN GROW UP, PROGRAMS LIKE SCHOLARCHIPS, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FOUNDED IN 2010, CAN HELP THEM PAY FOR COLLEGE. “That i founded back in 2010. One day we were sitting in the dining room and my grandmother said ‘You know Yasmin there are thousands of scholarships out there, but I don’t see any for youth with incarcerated parents.’ So that was the ‘ah-ha’ moment”. ALTHOUGH ARRINGTON’S FATHER HAS BEEN IN JAIL ALMOST HER ENTIRE LIFE, SHE DID NOT LET THAT STOP HER PROGRESS.“ I encourage young people to use that as motivation to break out of cycles of poverty and chains of incarceration to really excel.”BEING A CHILD OF INCARCERATED PARENTS CAN BE A STRESSFUL, TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE OF THE SAME MAGNITUDE AS ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DIVORCE, THESE YOUNG CHILDREN LOSE A PARENT’S SUPPORT DURING THEIR CRITICAL EARLY YEARS, A TIME WHEN THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS. FOR HOWARD UNIVERSITY’S NEWSVISION I AM JAMAI HARRIS.THANKS JAMAI, FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARCHIPS PLEASE VISIT SCHOLARCHIPSFUND.ORG, AND FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATISTICS SURROUNDING CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS PLEASE VISIT WWW.BJS.GOV. |