

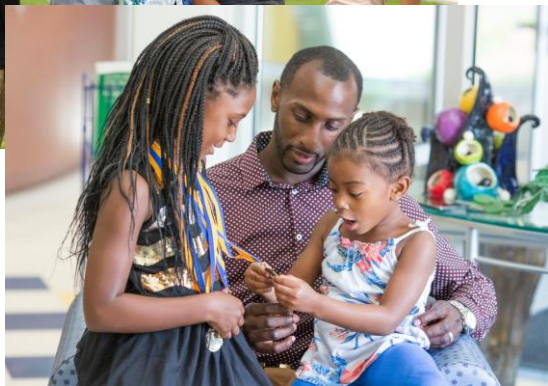


The Impact of Parental Incarceration on Kids

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Prevalence of Parental Incarceration in Kentucky



More than 115,000 kids (12.1%) in Kentucky have experienced parental incarceration at some point in their lives. ([Source](#))

Kids whose parents have been incarcerated are anywhere from **two to five times more likely to experience other adverse childhood experiences** than kids whose parents have not been incarcerated. ([Source](#))

Instability and Financial Hardships



- Kids are **more likely to change residences** when their mother is incarcerated.
- **Financial hardships** increase when the primary income earner is incarcerated; can be exacerbated by fines and fees, restitution, and jail calls.
- Even short-term incarceration can result in **job loss and challenges securing employment.**

The Impact on Kids Well-Being



- Separation can **weaken the bond** between parents and young kids.
- It can be **traumatizing for kids** to see their parent arrested or in court.
- Parental incarceration is stigmatized and can **negatively impacts kids' mental health and educational outcomes.**



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