

## Children's Connection Curriculum

Session Topic: Incarceration (All About Me Book)

Developmental Level: Elementary

Purpose: To help children get to know each other and become comfortable talking about their incarcerated family member

Materials Needed:

- Stapler
- White paper
- Colored Construction Paper
- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- Scissors

Description of Session:

1. Print template 1 (see below) onto various colors of construction paper and cut on the dotted line. One piece of construction paper will create 4 pieces, and each child will need 2 pieces.
2. Print enough of the included templates (templates 2-11) so that each child has one. Each template will cover 4 children; each child needs 1 copy of each of the templates
3. Cut the templates on the dotted line and disperse one of each to each child.
4. Allow the children time to complete each of the templates using their preferred writing utensil. Allow them to write or draw as they feel comfortable.
5. Allow the children to select two pieces of construction paper to use as the cover and back for their book (from step 1).
6. Allow the children to decorate their covers and backs if they desire.
7. Place the templates together in book format (binding to the left).
8. Place the cover on the front and the back on the back so that the cover is facing outward and the back is facing outward.
9. Use 2-3 staples on the left side of the book to bind the book together. Be sure not to staple too far into the book so that pictures and words can be seen.

Discussion Questions:

Following the completion of the books, allow children to share their book with the group as they feel comfortable.