

Children's Connection Curriculum

Session Topic: Incarceration (Staying in Touch, Special Events)

Developmental Level: Elementary or Middle School

Purpose: Helping students to stay in touch and connected with their family member who is incarcerated.

Materials Needed: Paper, pen/marker/pencil

Description of Session: Encourage each student to write down the special events that were celebrated with their family member gone during incarceration. Have students write down headings: Special Event, How Celebrated, and Where Celebrated, Who was there. Encourage each student to write down some special events that were celebrated while their family member was gone.

Discussion Questions: Encourage students to connect feelings with the memories that they are writing down. Have students share their memories with other group members. Remind students that they can share these events with their family member when they talk on the phone, through a letter, or when they see them again.

Reference: Children's Connection Counselor