



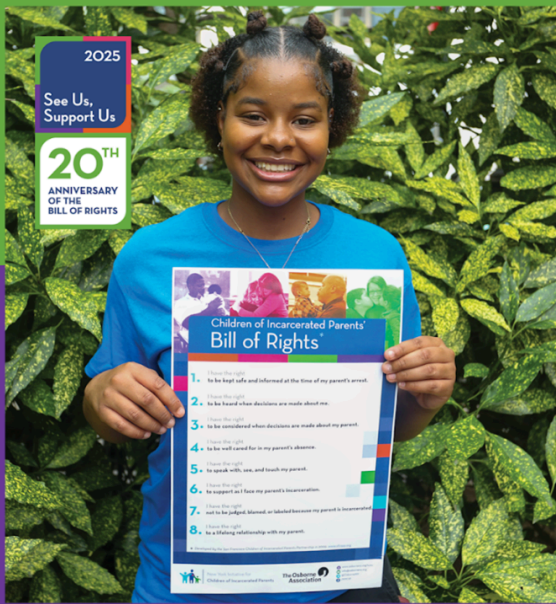
Coastal Horizons

OUR CHILDREN'S PLACE



See Us, Support Us

Increasing visibility and support for children of incarcerated parents



SEE US, SUPPORT US MONTH

Support for Children Affected by Parental Incarceration

This October, **SUSU** commemorates the **Children of Incarcerated Parents' Bill of Rights**. Join us to advocate for these rights in your community.



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CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS*



I HAVE THE RIGHT...

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| 1 to be kept safe and informed at the time of my parent's arrest. | 5 to speak with, see, and touch my parent. |
| 2 to be heard when decisions are made about me. | 6 to support as I face my parent's incarceration. |
| 3 to be considered when decisions are made about my parent. | 7 not to be judged, blamed, or labeled because my parent is incarcerated. |
| 4 to be well cared for in my parent's absence. | 8 to a lifelong relationship with my parent. |

*The Bill of Rights was created by the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership in 2005.

#SeeUsSupportUs

See Us, Support Us (SUSU), coordinated by the Osborne Association, creates a community for and raises awareness about children of incarcerated parents. This October, SUSU commemorates the 20th anniversary of the groundbreaking [*Children of Incarcerated Parents' Bill of Rights*](#) which outlines eight rights that are vital to young people. It provides us with a guiding framework to ensure children are seen and supported.

During SUSU month, we will reflect on past achievements and look ahead to future goals in realizing these rights in our own communities and across the country.

How you can be involved:

- Sign up for the [SUSU newsletter](#)
- Follow SUSU on [social media](#)
- Follow Our Children's Place on [social media](#) to see the weekly SUSU emails

- Attend [events](#) (list will be updated throughout the month)
- Visit the [SUSU website](#) to connect with resources, hear tips from young people, and join in efforts to realize the Bill of Rights in your community
- Read the Bill of Rights above and learn more about what's happening (or could be happening) in your community to make these rights a reality. We'd love to brainstorm with you!
- Encourage youth affected by parental incarceration to enter the [SUSU art contest](#) and follow SUSU Youth socials ([SUSU Youth Instagram/Snapchat](#)) where they can be in community with others experiencing parental incarceration
- Take a group photo with our See Us, Support Us sign. Email us for a copy! We'd love to have 31 photos – one for each day in October. Below are photos from past years.



PARENT DAY

Our Children's Place will organize Parent Day at five prisons (Orange, Randolph, Sampson, Sanford, and Southern Correctional) this fall. If you'd like to help support these days focused on the relationship between children and their incarcerated parents (or grandparents in some cases), please let us know. Our

wish list includes grocery cards for caregivers, lunch, light breakfast items, and BINGO prizes.

If you'd like to see one of these days happen in a prison or jail in your community, [let's talk!](#)

OUR CHILDREN'S PLACE RECOGNIZED IN NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

We're excited to share that **Our Children's Place of Coastal Horizons** is featured in *Statewide Correctional Initiatives Supporting Children with Incarcerated Parents: An Action Plan for Policymakers*.

The Action Plan highlights innovative ways states can help children stay connected with their incarcerated parents, focusing on child-friendly visits, parenting programs, communication support, and prison nurseries.

Our Children's Place is honored to be included for our **FRESH (Family Re-Entry Support and Help) initiative**, which works with the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction to:

- Train staff on child development and the impact of incarceration
- Redesign visiting areas to be more welcoming for children and families

Examples include murals painted by incarcerated parents, games and art supplies, and spaces designed to help visits feel safer and more supportive.

You can read the full Action Plan [here](#) and see our work highlighted on **pages 19-20**.

HOPE HANGS HERE ART CONTEST

Hope Hangs Here

Children's art. Families' voices. Hope that lasts.

Kids & teens — show us:

What family means to you or

Why your family is special or

Your family's happy place

Through art!

All artwork will be entered into the Hope Hangs Here Art Contest.

The winning drawing will be transformed into a keepsake ornament, carrying a message of love, hope, and togetherness.

Every ornament sold supports Our Children's Place of Coastal Horizons, serving children & families of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

Contest Prize: The winning artist will receive a \$25 Visa Gift Card + a FREE ornament featuring their artwork!

Artwork (pictures or scans) can be submitted to mrادcliff@coastalhorizons.org or mailed to P.O. Box 13073, Durham, NC 27709

All artwork should be submitted by October 15, 2025.

Submit your artwork today and let your creativity spread hope!

[Click Here for Ornament Template](#)

The Winning Ornament Goes on Sale This Fall - Details to Follow!

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