



## Greetings from the Family-Based Justice Center

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Black History month!



The Center recognizes the impact the criminal justice system has on the Black community, especially Black youth. Black children are [six times](#) as likely as White children to have a parent who's been incarcerated. Black youths who have an incarcerated parent may experience poor mental health, low educational attainment, and financial insecurity. Keeping families together would reduce harm to Black youths and their communities.

The Center would like to highlight the work of Ebony Underwood, founder and CEO of [We Got Us Now](#), a national advocacy organization built by, led by, and about children of incarcerated parents. Ms. Underwood has done amazing work to uplift children and young adults impacted by parental incarceration, and she is a Family-Based Justice Center advisory board member. Make sure to check out her work.

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### In the News:

A new study from the University of Massachusetts finds that, compared with other Americans, Black adults in the United States are more likely to have family members incarcerated, have a larger average number of incarcerated family members, and experience familial incarceration over more generations. Read about the article [here](#).

"Resilient Black Love Among Children of Incarcerated Parents," by Bahiyyah Muhammad, relates the experience of children impacted by parental incarceration who are shown in only negative, stereotypical light, and offers a more holistic view of children who have grown beyond stereotypes. Read the article [here](#).

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