Kairos Graduates often find themselves ‘wanting more’ after attending a Weekend. They want to change, learn, grow, help their families, be better educated and prepared for the future. Kairos doesn’t have any of these as a part of our Mission, but we know they are important to our Graduates.

These are non-Kairos resources that you can share with people to contact themselves for specific help or information. As you know of other regional or national groups please let the International office know of them. Kairos communities are encouraged to know their local ministries so they can refer people to them.

Note: Kairos takes no responsibility for the content, response or work of these organizations but is only sharing resource options that are outside the work of Kairos.
Correspondence Bible Studies

Emmaus Worldwide
https://emmausworldwide.org/pages/prison-involved

Emmaus Worldwide is a non-denominational, non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1942. Emmaus offers a large curriculum of Bible courses free of charge to current or former inmates with the goal of getting God's Word into the hands of men and women, sharing the gospel message of Jesus Christ as well as guiding Christians in their spiritual walk. Certificates of completion are awarded for each course. You can send in the enrollment form printed below to start or you can have a family member or Chaplain do it online for you at this link: https://emmausworldwide.org/pages/enroll-an-inmate

Emmaus Worldwide
PO Box 1028
Dubuque, IA 52004-9912
563-585-2070
The church behind-the-wall is often educationally under equipped to best fulfill its critical mission. Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary is committed to do as much as we can to help equip the believers in prison for greater ministry and service. The seminary is especially interested in identifying and educating men and women whom Christ has called to the pastoral ministry of the Church.

Resources for Families of the Incarcerated

1. Books from CMCA  [https://www.cmcainternational.org/reentry.php]

   **99 Days and a Get Up: A Guide to Success Following Release for Inmates and Their Loved Ones**
   The most widely used release preparation handbook - the book no inmate should leave prison without. Focuses on the key psycho-social adjustments required to make a successful transition from prison to the free world. Candid but compassionate, this handbook leads offenders and their loved ones through the turbulent period before and after release, helping establish a sense of perspective and control, thus reducing stress and fear.

   **Arrested: Making Decisions for Yourself and Your Incarcerated Loved One** by Lennie Spitale
   In the midst of overwhelming emotions, it can be difficult to face the reality of your loved one’s arrest. Although a natural response is to reach out and help, fear, pain, and uncertainty can often get in the way. This booklet offers suggestions to guide you through the process of dealing with the sudden incarceration of a family member or friend.

   From receiving the news to hiring an attorney and beyond, here is information and biblical perspective to help you think clearly and make wise decisions. Get a better understanding of the legal system and available options, and discover how God can use this experience to bring you and your loved one closer to Him.

   **Released. Preparing for Your Incarcerated Loved One’s Return Home** by Lennie Spitale
   It’s a process, and it will take time for your loved one to decompress from the routine of prison and navigate the new normal outside the cell. But there is hope and healing for your relationship as you rebuild your life together. *Released* offers practical steps to help you and your loved with the challenges you may face—from finding employment to learning to trust again.
**Maintaining Relationships during Incarceration** by Lennie Spitale

Communication can be challenging in any relationship. And when one of those people is behind bars, the challenge can seem overwhelming. But it can be done. As a former prisoner, Lennie Spitale writes from firsthand experience, sharing practical ways to protect and build relationships during incarceration. He understands the challenges and explains the ins and outs of prison life to help those who are navigating this world for the first time. The greatest pain of incarceration is separation from your loved one—but with understanding and effort you can nurture your relationship throughout.

**When Your Child Is Arrested. A Parent’s Guide to the Juvenile Justice System**

by John Kinsley and Scott Larson

Whether you were expecting it or not, news of your child’s arrest can be extraordinarily difficult. In that moment of blurred emotions, it’s not easy to think clearly or understand what will happen next.

This booklet walks you step-by-step through the process, sharing stories of pain and healing from other parents who have traveled the same road. Not only will you get a sense of what to expect from the legal system, you’ll find information on what your child may experience while being detained. Discover how you can participate in the process and become your son or daughter’s best advocate during and after confinement.

Amazon.com has a large listing of resources for kids – search amazon for “books about incarceration for children”

Another website of books for kids with incarcerated parents:

**Prison Education Guide**

by Christopher Zoukis and edited by Susan Schwartzkopf.

Prison Education Guide is the fourth in a series of books by Prison Legal News Publishing. It is the most comprehensive guide to correspondence programs for prisoners available today. This exceptional book provides the reader with step-by-step instructions to find the right educational program, enroll in courses and complete classes to meet their academic goals. It is perfect for the incarcerated student who lacks Internet access or the ability to attend education classes in person. Prison Education Guide is the latest and best resource on the market for the incarcerated nontraditional student. It includes a detailed analysis of the quality, cost, and course offerings of all college correspondence programs available to prisoners. In a time when so many academic opportunities in prisons have been eliminated, this book is an invaluable reentry tool for prisoners who seek to further their education while incarcerated and to help them prepare for life and work following their release.

Re-Entry Resources

Resources for Former Inmates
Federal Bureau of Prisons
https://www.bop.gov/resources/former_inmate_resources.jsp

Employment Assistance
- Employment and Training Administration
- CareerOneStop
- Occupational Information Network
- Occupational Outlook Handbook

Veteran Assistance
- Benefits for Incarcerated Veterans
- Reentry Services for Justice-Involved Veterans
- Veterans Justice Outreach Program
- Disability Compensation

Other Resources
- Obtaining Your GED Information
- Disability.gov
- D.C. Reentry Navigator
Directory of Programs Serving Children and Families of the Incarcerated:

https://nrccfi.camden.rutgers.edu/resources/directory/national-programs/

State by State listing of organizations that help families of prisoners:


Job Resources:

https://www.trade-schools.net/articles/jobs-for-felons.asp

https://www.hirefelons.org/best-jobs-for-felons/

https://www.jobsforfelonshub.com/