

Call For Papers
Children of Incarcerated Parents: Resilience, Successes & Triumphs

April 9-11th, 2020
Howard University

DEADLINE: March 14, 2020

Participants will be notified of acceptance/rejection by March 21, 2020

Howard University's Research Month 2020 (<http://researchweek.howard.edu>) in conjunction with the Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) and The Center for Advancing Opportunity (CAO), will host the *Children of Incarcerated Parents: Resilience, Successes & Triumphs* Conference on April 9-11th at Howard University. This interdisciplinary conference will focus on new research, policy and programs that highlight successes, triumphs, and resilience among children of incarcerated parents (COIP). Much of what is known about children of incarcerated parents focuses on a deficit-based model. In other words, research originated and has remained over saturated with the negative outcomes present or expected to become present in the lives of COIP. These fear building perspectives have detrimental outcomes for minors, young adult and adult children of incarcerated parents, especially among children of color. Therefore, it is our priority to spearhead a paradigm shift to ensure that this historically invisible population becomes visible, vocal, and leaders of the charge.

Therefore, the purpose of this conference is to bring together children of incarcerated parents of all ages, caregivers to children of the incarcerated, directly-impacted scholars, academics, Ph.D students and candidates, and fragile community members to highlight new research, narratives and resources for children of incarcerated parents.

All submitted papers will undergo peer-review. Papers must be relevant to the thematic scheme of the conference, being the resilience and success among children of incarcerated parents.

The research team is accepting abstracts in support of the following topics.

Other topics will also be considered:

- Resilience, Success and Triumphs Among Black Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- LGBTQIA+ Experience and Resilience Among Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Resilience and/or Success Among Children of Incarcerated Parents Who Have Experiences with the Incarceration of Both Parents.
- Resilience and/or Success Among Foster Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Resilience and/or Success Among Homeless Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Truth Telling, Carceral Transparency and Success Among Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Family Success and Sustainability (Before, During or After Parental Incarceration).

- How to Successfully Navigate the Honeymoon Phase and the Reunification Process of Parental Reentry.
- Social Development and Milestone Achievements of Minor Children (0-17 years) & Young Adults (18 years +).
- Educational Success Among Children of Incarcerated Parents and Educational Policy.
- Impact of Caregiver Support and Community on Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Advocacy, Support and Activism for Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Higher Educational Practices Among Successful Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Community Resource Accessibility for Parents and Children of the Incarcerated.
- Carceral Programming Geared Toward Successful Parenting From Behind Bars
- Re-entry Resources and/or Social Capital To Support Resilience and Success Among Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Mental Health: Maintenance and Recovery for Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Spiritual Health: Maintenance and Recovery for Children of Incarcerated Parents.
- Strength and Support of the Black Community Affected by Parental Incarceration.

Submission Details

There are three primary submission types:

1) Individual Papers: These abstracts will be organized into sessions by the program committee members on the basis of common themes. All regular paper submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper (15 word max), (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) an abstract (max. 250 words).

2) Poster Presentations: You may submit abstracts for inclusion in a poster session. All poster submissions should include: (a) the title of the paper, (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author, and (c) a brief abstract (max. 250 words). Posters should display relevant objectives, theory, methods, results, and conclusions in a way that is accessible (readable from a distance of six feet) and visually appealing. Easels, clips, and backing boards are provided. Your poster should not exceed 30" x 40".

3) Full Session Proposals and Open Seminars: A complete panel consists of coordinating the arrangement of four papers related to a common theme. All complete session proposals must include: (a) the title of the session (15 word max), (b) names, affiliations, and contact information for each author/speaker, and (c) a short abstract (max. 250 words) detailing the theme of the proposed session. Participants include the presider and organizer, in addition to the presenters or panelists, and discussant, if included. Full sessions also include:

- Author-Meets-Curious-Readers (AMCR): sessions spotlight books on COIP. AMCRs may be self-nominated. Submissions should also include a brief description of the session's prospective broad appeal and/or connections with the meeting theme.
- Workshops on a range of topics like social change, pedagogy, methodology, networking, and publishing, for example, will also be considered. A Workshop can involve one or more presenters speaking on more practical issues such as hands-on experiences that

involve the audience as participants (e.g., mock narrative building exercises, parent-child reunification mediation and role play). For this category, there will be no discussants and no scholarly papers presented. All selected presenters with books will be invited to showcase their work during the book exhibit.

Audio-Visual Equipment

LCD projectors with VGA and HDMI connectivity will be available for all panel and paper presentations to facilitate computer-based presentations. However, presenters and/or panel organizers are required to bring their own computers. Adapters will not be provided.

Submission Procedures

All submissions must be made via the conference webpage at www.drmuhammadexperience.com/COIPconference. Do not send submissions directly to the individual committee members. The program will be created from the information you submit online. To reduce the number of errors in the program, please review and verify that all the submitted information is complete and accurate.

All presenters will be asked to provide a short biography and picture to be highlighted in the program. This information must be submitted with 48 hours of notification of participation acceptance. Bio and picture submission instructions will be provided in the acceptance correspondence.

All presented papers will be eligible for submission to an upcoming special interest journal and/or forthcoming anthology.

For more information, please go to www.drmuhammadexperience.com/COIPconference

Please direct any additional questions to coipstudies@gmail.com.