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My Dad is GONE ...

As Executive Director, I asked some kids if they would write me a little note about what it felt like to have their Dads in prison. Here are a couple that responded back:



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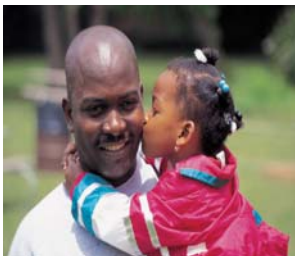
When my dad was gone I felt like I was in an incomplete family. I felt sad and alone. It was like having a teddy bear and then that teddy bear disappears and you feel sad and disappointed. You sit on a swing at the playground and then you think of when your dad used to play with you all the time and all the times you laughed together. It's hard to believe all of that is just gone. When I'm at school it feels like everyone sees through your ways and knows what happened. You know when something good happens to you, you can tell everyone, but when something bad happens you cannot tell one person. That hurts very badly. Millions of families loose there dad or mom to jail related events and it leaves an empty spot in your family and your heart forever. It never stops hurting. 12 year old little girl

Daddy's not around

When my daddy is not around I feel very, very very sad because I never get to play with him anymore. I feel like I'm invisible, and I think it's my fault, but I don't know what I did. And that's how I feel when my dad is gone. My Mommy said he is in Munrow but I do not know where Munrow is. I think it is far away. I want my Daddy home but I don't know if he is coming home for a long time. That makes me sad.

8 year old little girl

Daddy's Not Around



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