Family Values, Childhood, and the American Carceral State: A Must-Read for Anyone Concerned About the Future of Our Children

In her powerful and moving new book, *Family Values, Childhood, and the American Carceral State*, sociologist Tara Leigh Tolles examines the devastating impact of mass incarceration on families and communities of color. Tolles argues that the American criminal justice system is not simply a system of punishment, but a system of social control that has been used to maintain white supremacy and class privilege for centuries.



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Tolles draws on extensive research, including interviews with incarcerated parents and their children, to show how the carceral state tears families apart. She finds that children of incarcerated parents are more likely to experience poverty, homelessness, and trauma. They are also more likely to be incarcerated themselves.

Tolles argues that the carceral state is a threat to our most fundamental values as a society. She calls for a radical transformation of our criminal justice system, one that is based on restorative justice and community healing.

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This book is a call to action. Tolles shows us that we cannot afford to continue to ignore the human cost of mass incarceration. We must work together to create a more just and equitable society, one in which all children have the opportunity to thrive.

About the Author

Tara Leigh Tolles is a sociologist at the University of Washington. She is the author of *Rethinking Childhood in the Carceral State* and *Beyond Punishment: Towards a Restorative Justice*.

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* **Image 1:** A group of children playing in a park. * **Image 2:** A child hugging her incarcerated father through a prison visiting window. * **Image 3:** A group of people protesting against mass incarceration. * **Image 4:** A portrait of Tara Leigh Tolles, author of *Family Values, Childhood, and the American Carceral State*.



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