

Yasmine A. Digital Story — Transcript

Yasmine A.: My name is Yasmine Arrington. I'm a Washingtonian. I was born and raised in Washington, D.C. I am the Founder and Executive Director of a non-profit organization called ScholarCHIPS for children of incarcerated parents. We provide college scholarships, mentorship, and a support network for youth who have incarcerated parents and are pursuing a college degree. To date, we've had awarded over \$100,000 in college scholarships. And we have a total of 51 scholars and 13 college graduates thus far.

Yasmine A.: What we're able to give them is mentorship, care, time, peer support, and this opportunity for them to embrace their stories and breaking the shame and the stigma. I would like for people to know that youth with incarcerated parents are resilient, that they are intelligent, and that oftentimes it takes mentors and support, tutoring, and financial support for them to emerge from any social, economic, or educational disadvantages, including the incarceration piece, so that they can bloom into their full potential.

Yasmine A.: When we invest in youth with incarcerated parents, it is going to make for a better world and better future generations.