

***Webinar: Becoming a Welcoming Community of Faith  
to Those with Family Members Who Are Incarcerated***

**Presenter: Melissa Hutchins**



Melissa is a Louisville native with more than 15 years of professional experience working with families and children impacted by incarceration. In addition to 11 years with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana, where she is currently the Enrollment and Training Manager, Melissa worked with youth in residential treatment for nine years. Melissa also leads art activities with children and caregivers at Metro Louisville Jail Visitor's Lobby through The Special Project. She is an experienced trainer and presenter, leading workshops and trainings at local, state, and national conferences.

Passionate and committed to the well-being of children, families, and the community, Melissa is dedicated to increasing awareness of unique challenges facing families with incarcerated loved ones. She also strives to create safe and non-judgmental spaces where individuals can share their stories and experiences.

In addition to her work with Big Brothers Big Sisters and The Special Project, Melissa teaches yoga to adults and children. She volunteers with Kentucky Yoga Initiative, a non-profit created to build healthy and compassionate communities through the transformative practice of yoga. Melissa also loves spending time with her family, friends, and French bulldogs, Henry and Bean.