

We offer this introduction to you as advocates at HEARD, a national cross-disability abolitionist organization that supports deaf/disabled people at every stage of the criminal legal process: arrest, trial, incarceration, and reentry. HEARD has been advocating and organizing alongside deaf/disabled incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people for over a decade and we are honored to share this curated list of resources to help you navigate and better understand issues at the intersection of our violent criminal legal system and the experiences of deaf/disabled people.

The film, *Breaking Silence*, gives audiences a glimpse of Walker Estes' experience as a deaf father of Leslie, an incarcerated Coda (child of deaf adult), as they navigate the systems of prison and parole together. HEARD was drawn to this film because of the ways that Walker and Leslie show up for their community and family members to heal, repair, and resist reincarceration. Their everyday acts of bringing food to Dino, a deafblind formerly incarcerated man, visiting Reff, or offering rides to Sam, a formerly incarcerated deaf man, while his taillight is busted are powerful testaments to the importance of community care.

*Breaking Silence* also touches upon the #DeafInPrison experience by highlighting Walker's advocacy for deaf/disabled people in prison as well as for formerly incarcerated community members. Deaf/disabled incarcerated people in Texas' Estelle Unit discuss wrongful convictions, lack of communication access, and the vital need for culturally and linguistically competent support for deaf/disabled people after incarceration.

As you engage with the film and its accompanying toolkit, we hope that you will utilize these resources and join us as we fight for a world where community care, like that shown by Walker and Leslie, thrives and oppressive systems like prisons and parole become obsolete.

To learn more about the experiences of deaf/disabled people impacted by carceral systems, we offer the following resources: