

Whose crime is it anyway? An integrated approach to supporting children affected by imprisonment.

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HE's

11 years old and his mum is in
prison but no one asks how he is

DOING

even though he misses her
every day and he

JUST

can't cope with the bullying anymore.
The truth is, things are not

FINE

isolation

attendance problems

change of care-giver

bullying

change of school

harmful behaviour as a
way of coping

regressive behaviour

travelling long distances

trauma

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mental health issues

not knowing the truth

grief

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being negatively labelled

loss

shock



anger

loneliness

fear

sadness



stigma

shame

My Story

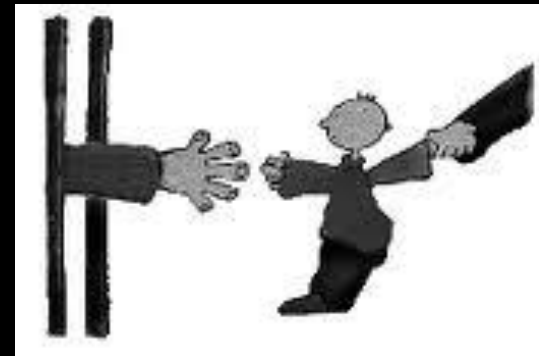
Why are schools generally unaware of which children are affected by imprisonment?

How can staff actively support children and their carers through the school system?

In what ways can imprisoned parents continue to engage in their children's education?

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Their Stories

Passports in Perth

Mums in Melbourne

Support groups in Sydney

Speeches in San Francisco

Across cyberspace in Albuquerque

Nuns in New York

A kid called Khodi

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Our Story

An integrated approach between education, police, social work, criminal justice, and third sector organisations such as Families Outside can achieve:

increased emotional well-being among children

reduction in school exclusions

greater family engagement with the school and other agencies

increased engagement in school

a decrease in harmful behaviour

increased school attendance

positive post-school destinations



His Story?

“I’m going to end up in prison too, just because my dad’s there.”

“I get angry when people call us ‘children at risk’; I see us as children of promise.”

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