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72%

43%





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Family Interventions... Reality check:



- ➤ 2013 = 200,000+ children in England and Wales with a parent in prison. This is two and a half times the number of those in care and over six times the number of those on the Child Protection Register.
- > 7% of UK children will experience their parent's imprisonment before they leave school.
- > In 2006 more children were affected by the imprisonment of a parent than by divorce.
- > 6 out of 10 boys with a convicted parent end up in custody themselves
- > 25% of men in Young Offenders Institutes are, or are shortly to become fathers.
- 48% of prisoners in Scotland were excluded from school as children.
- ➤ Approximately 72% of released prisoners, return to prison within 12-24 months.

(MOJ 2012/ DfE2003/2007/Prison Reform Trust 2011/SEU2002/PACT/Families Outside2013)

















shock 'Disenfranchised grief'





... the grief experienced by those who incur a loss that is not, or cannot be, openly acknowledged, publicly mourned or socially supported. Doka (1999)

sadness

fear

anger













Family Interventions... Our 3 core aims:



- Reducing the risk of reoffending & prison
- Reducing the risk of intergenerational offending
- Reducing social exclusion of families in their local community









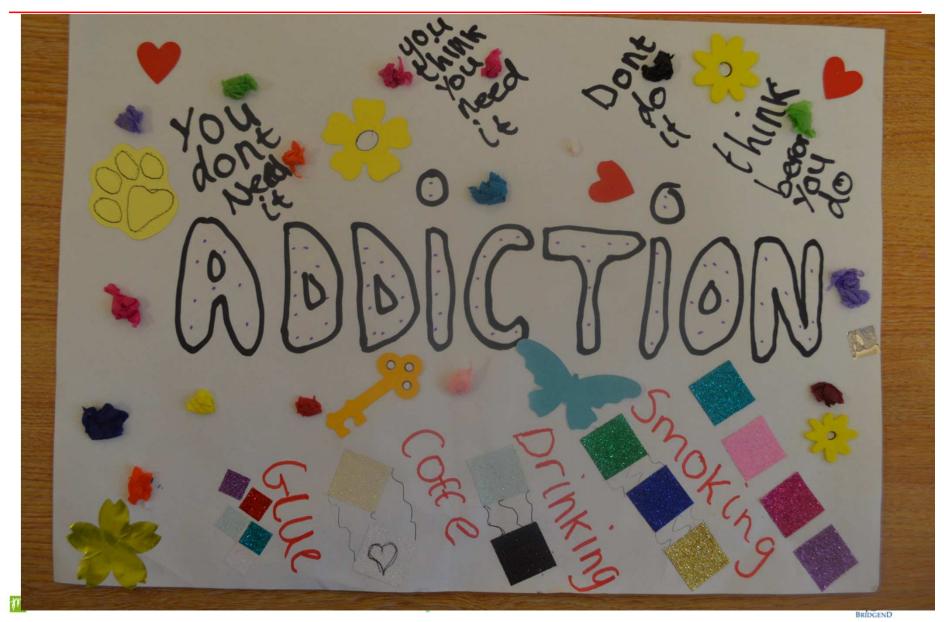






MPACT at HMP Parc since 2011...







Whole family interventions at Parc

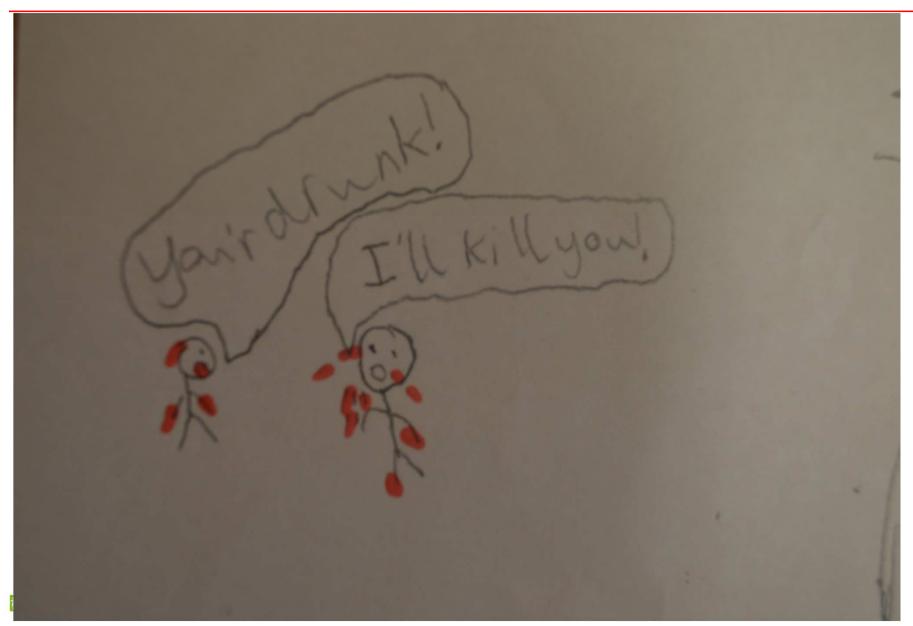






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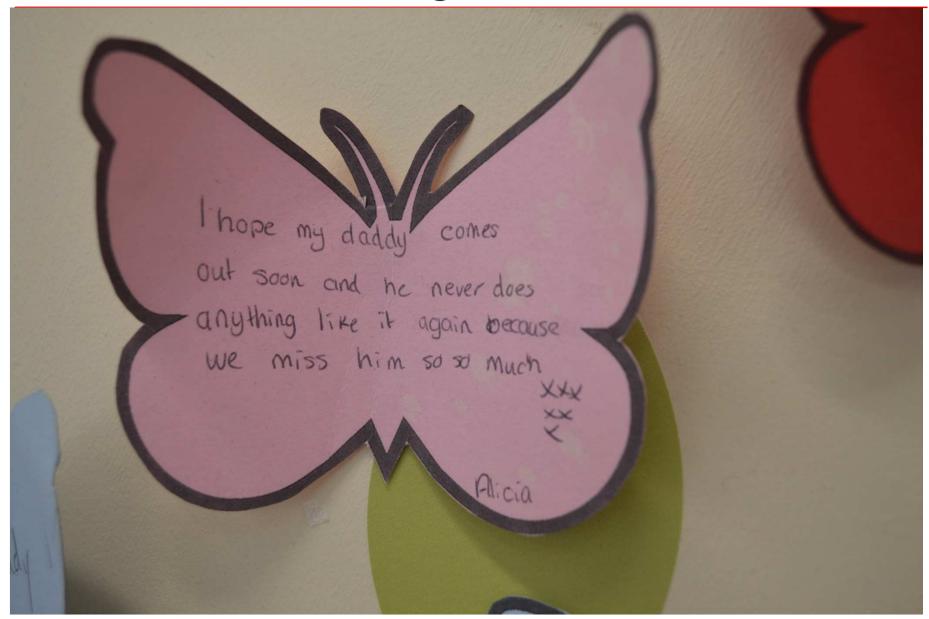






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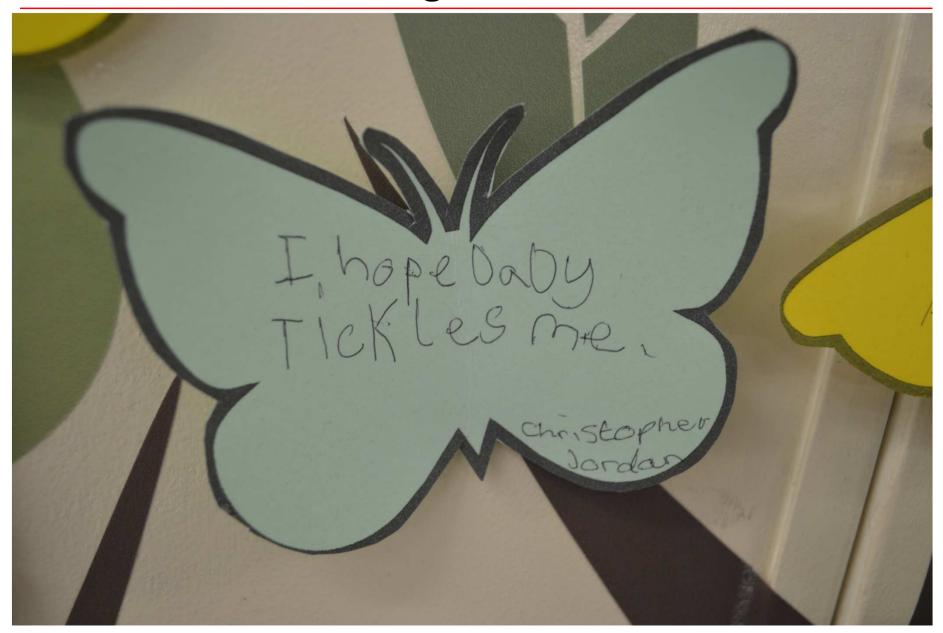






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Parent & Teacher evenings at Parc





Invisible Walls Accord: working with schools





Turning it around

An integrated approach between education, social work, criminal justice and charities can achieve:

- ✓ increased emotional well-being among children
 - √ reduction in school exclusions
 - ✓ greater family engagement with the school and other agencies
 - √ a decrease in harmful behaviour
 - √ increased engagement in school
 - √ increased school attendance
 - ✓ positive post-school destinations













The Invisible Walls Accord is supported by...









Barnardo's Cymru

G4S Care & Justice HMP Parc

Bridgend County Borough Council

Welsh Centre Crime Social Justice













Welsh Probation Trust

St Giles Trust

Families Outside S.Wales Police

Police Crime Commissioner Prison Advice Care Trust











Action on Addiction

Duke of Edinburgh

HMP Swansea

Action for Prisoners Families

HMP Cardiff











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Care for the Family

BIG Lottery

Rhonda Cynon Taf

Prisonaction.net











Storybook Dad





emailaprisoner.com **Friends & Families Of Prisoners**















This is what successful family intervention looks like...











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Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment







Prison advice & Care Trust

Based in various prisons and communities across the UK

Variety of recognised interventions, visitor centres, catering, prison-based play, family engagement work, volunteering projects etc.

'Left Behind' campaign







Pact Cymru

- Family Engagement Workers
- Prison-based playworkers & volunteers
- Interventions such as parenting and relationship courses, family conferencing and baby groups
- Information and advice for professionals
- JustPeople







Issues facing children

- They are not told what's going on so are unable to start processing their situation
- Issues at school such as bulling, isolation and lack of support
 - Lack of facilities at visiting
 - Not enough quality time
 - Keeping secrets







Issues facing parents

- Worried about telling their children
- Anxious about bringing them to visit
 - Don't know where to find help
 - Lack of trust in organisations
- Feel disempowered and out of control
 - Keeping secrets







Issues facing professionals

- Feel unable to engage with custodybased parent
 - Lack of information about support available
- Limited awareness of the issue and effects of imprisonment







Vision

- Families are routinely identified at the beginning of the criminal justice process and wraparound support offered
 - Children are identified and nurtured through the experience
- Professionals are engaged and aware of the issues that imprisonment has on families







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Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment "CAPI"

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CAPI Vision

All children who experience the adversity of a parent in prison are recognised, are heard, and have an equal and fair chance to achieve positive outcomes in their lives.



Background to Barnardo's CAPI Services in Wales

- NOMS Children and Families
 Pathway group
- Secondment to NOMS, focus on developments in Wales
- Community Support for Offenders Families



Current CAPI services

- •Invisible Walls Wales Service (+ G4S at Parc Prison).
- Community Support for Offenders' Families Service (+ NOMS + Probation Service).
- Visitors Centre Staff



Current CAPI services

- Delivering Hidden
 Sentence to Barnardo's staff and multi agency partners
- Working to support schools with their work around CAPI (schools handbook)

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Future Developments

Working with Cross Party Group

•Barnardo's UK CAPI strategy Launch – 28TH May

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