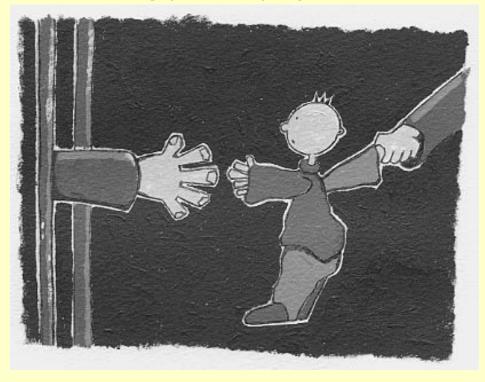


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- Produce Resources
- Support professionals working with prisoners' families through training and development
- Support family-friendly prison initiatives
- Campaign for more support for prisoners' families
- Membership organisation

## Women prisoners

- Women make up 5% of the prison population
- Over half the women in prison report having suffered domestic violence and one in three has experienced sexual abuse.
- The average distance adult women in prison were held from their home is 57 miles.
- Around one-third of women prisoners lose their homes, and often their possessions, whilst in prison.

# Effects on the family?

- Just 5% of children stay in the family home when their mother goes to prison
- At least a third of mothers are lone parents before imprisonment.
- Only half of the women who had lived, or were in contact with, their children prior to imprisonment had received a visit since going to prison.

### Missing Out

- Toured as a stage play in 2008 with Clean Break theatre charity
- Explores issues that affect families when women are sent to prison
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