

# Family Matters - Sharing the Model

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# Family Matters Programme

## Aims

- Improving access to support for the families of offenders and prisoners
- Integrating the work of criminal justice agencies and family and children's services in support of these vulnerable families
- Strengthening family ties of prisoners to aid their re-integration into family and community where appropriate



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OUTSIDERS

Information booklets for the partners and families of prisoners

**Action**  
for Prisoners' Families

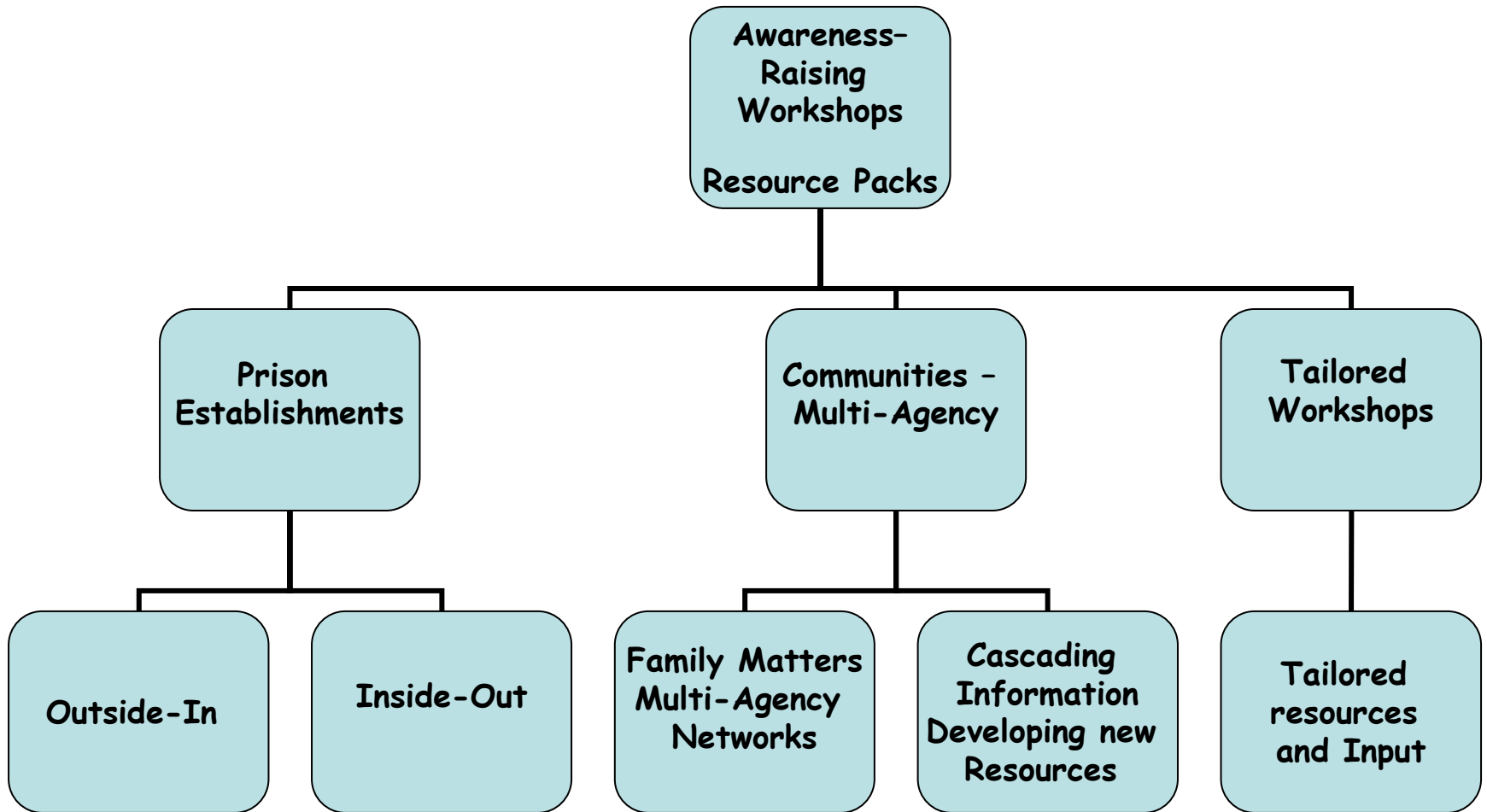
# Our Way of Working

- Collaboratively and in Partnership
- As Brokers
- Piloting
- Cascade model
- Sustainability

# Policy Interface

- Every Child Matters
- NOMS National Reducing Reoffending Strategy - Pathway 6
- Sure Start - Practice Guidance - Chapter 19
- Children's Act 2004 - sections 10 and 11
- Children and Young People's Plans

# Family Matters Model



# Prison Establishment Workshops

- Heads of Offender management, offender supervisors
- Explores impact on partners, children, families, role of 'outside' agencies
- Action Planning
- Bringing outside-in e.g. Children's Centre managers



# Prison Outside In

- Brokering partnerships  
e.g. HMP Bullingdon  
Families Partnership
- Family Days
- County Playbus
- Visitors Centre
- 'Across the Wall'  
Parenting
- Children's Centres - In-  
reach



# A Family Day?





# Multi-Agency Community Workshops

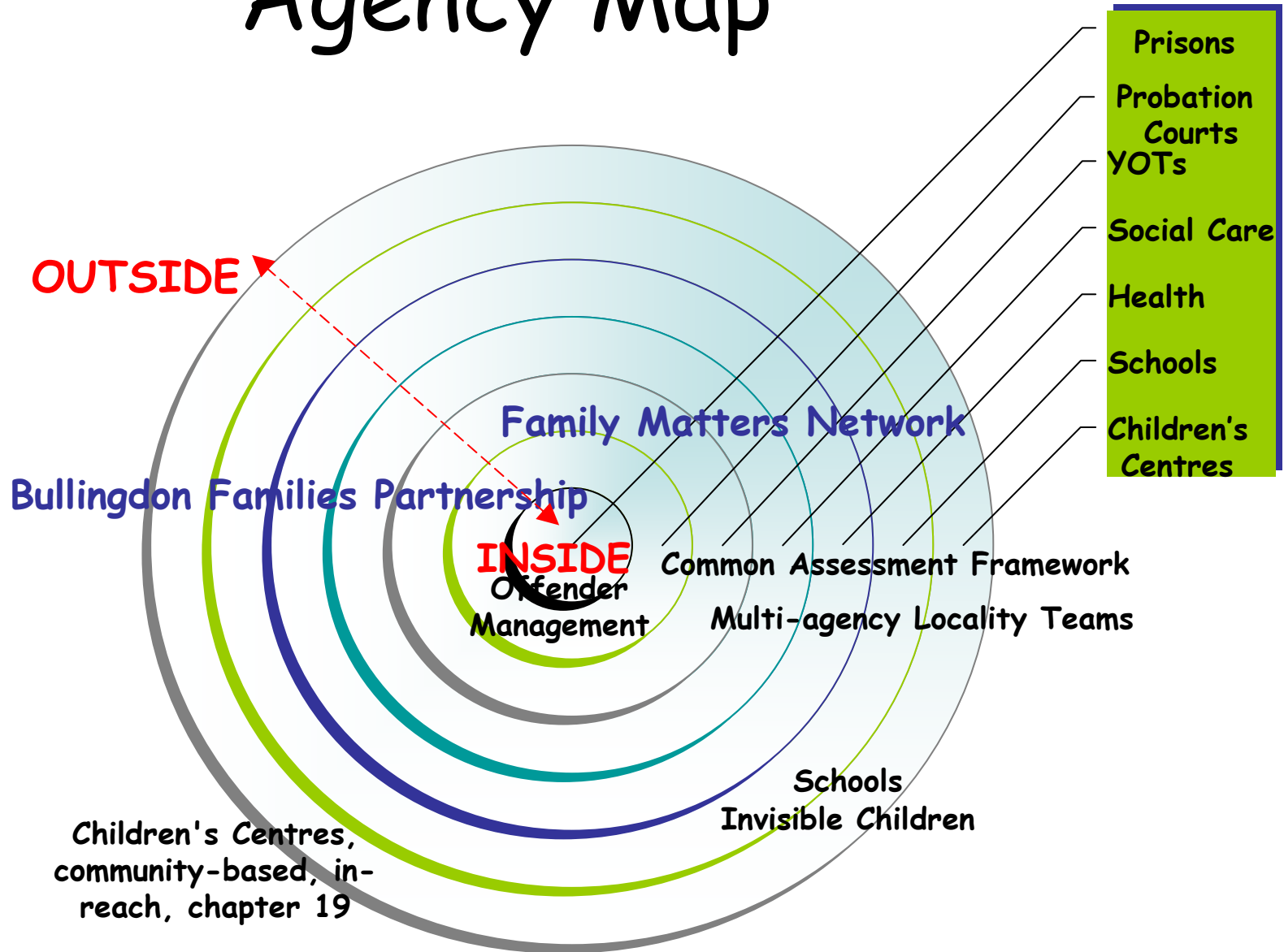
- Locally based
- Key agencies -  
probation, education  
- schools and BSTs,  
YOTS, Children's  
Centres, HVs
- Bringing Inside Out  
e.g. prison and  
probation staff input



# Tailored Workshops

- **Probation**
  - More focus on NOMS agenda
  - 7 Pathways to Resettlement
  - National Reducing Reoffending Strategy
- **Education**
  - More focus on needs of children
  - Every Child Matters agenda

# Agency Map

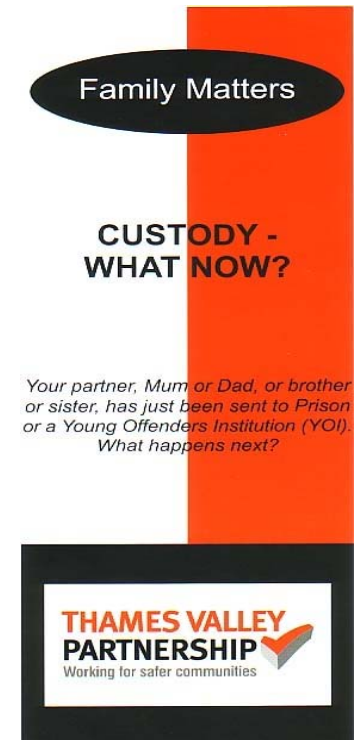
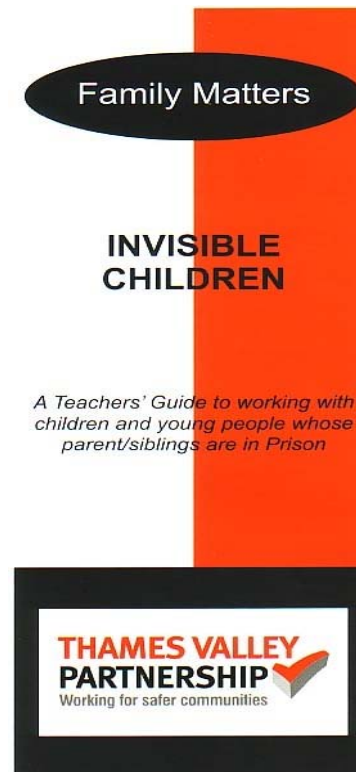


# Family Matters Networks

- Thames Valley Pilots
  - Banbury, Bicester, High Wycombe, Slough, and Oxford
- Key agencies, local champions
- Probation crucial
- Working Protocols
- Identifying families

# New Resources

- **New leaflets**
  - Invisible Children
  - Custody - What Now?
  
- **New resources for schools**



# The Way Forward

- Joining up Services for offenders and their families - teams around the family
- At national level as well as local
- Work of the Social Exclusion Unit Task Force on Families at Risk and NOMS National Framework
- Strategic buy-in locally and nationally
- Underpinned by performance measures
- Setting minimum standards and frameworks

# Conclusions

- Family Matters has made a difference locally - driven and enthusiastic BUT small and dependent on goodwill
- Our model is replicable and self-sustaining
- The workshops today - examples of integrated work and case studies
- Thanks to our partners!

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