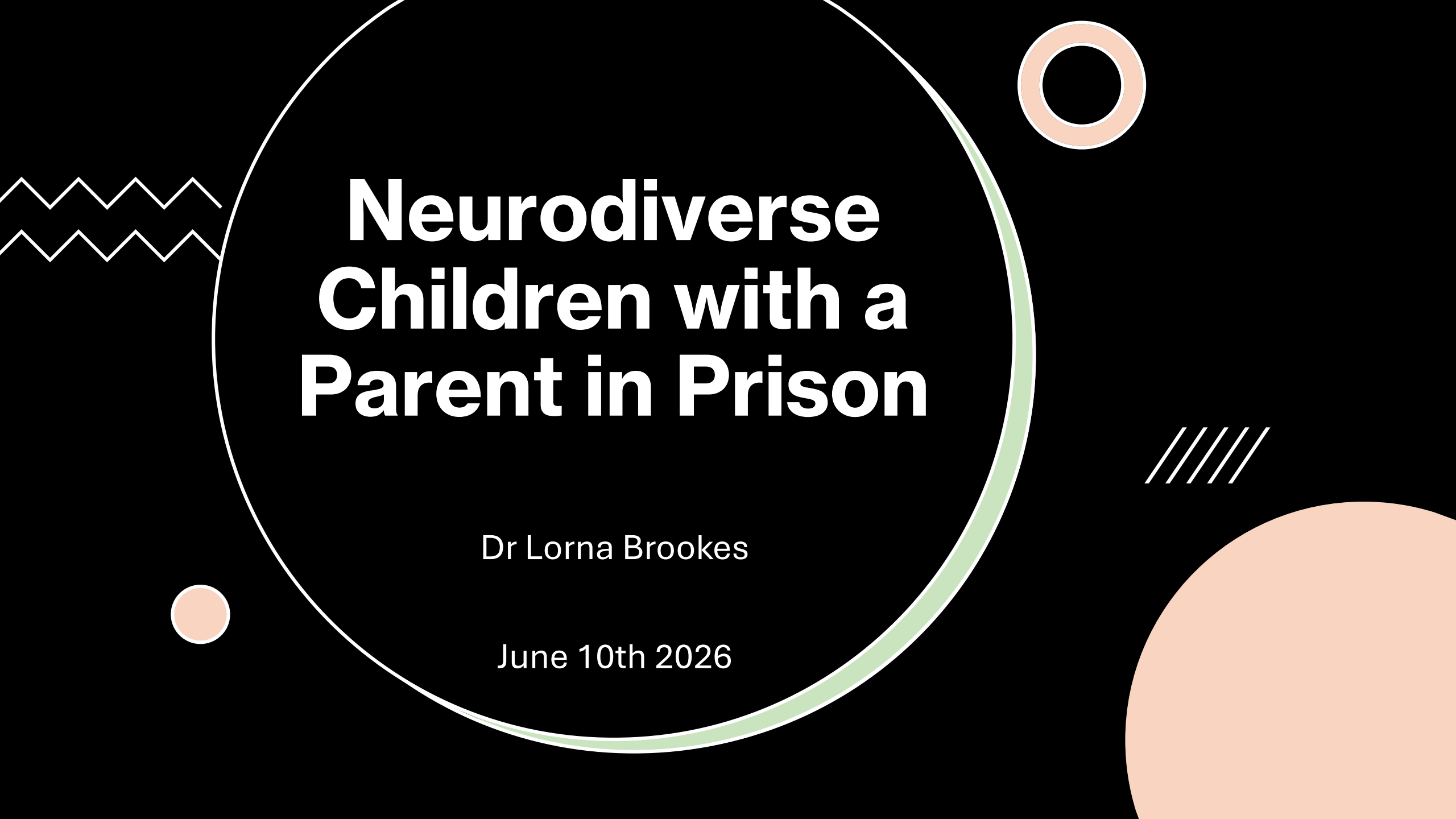




Neurodiverse Children with a Parent in Prison

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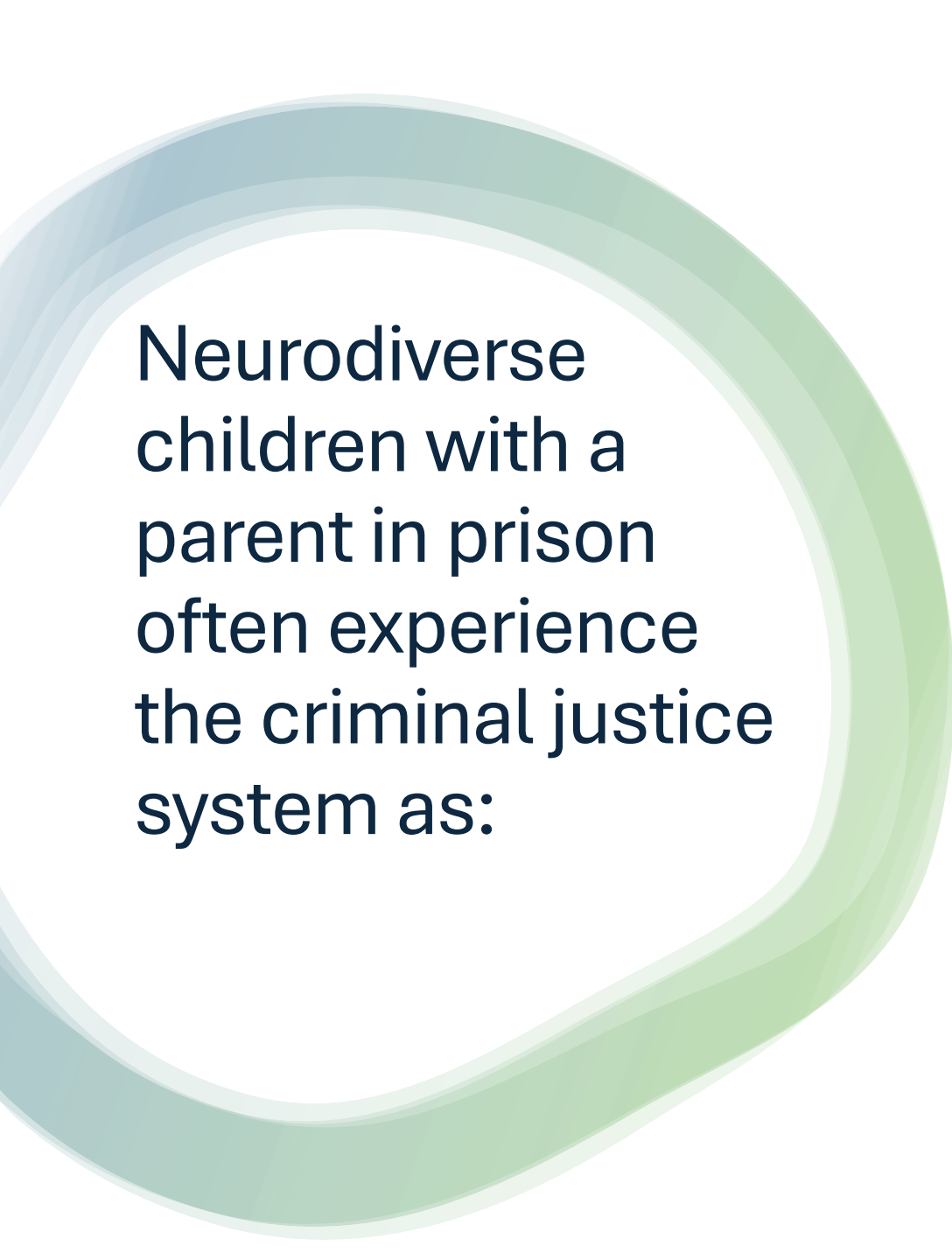
Our Panel



Being ND with a parent in prison

Children who are **neurodiverse and** have a parent in prison experience the criminal justice system (CJS) in distinctive and often intensified ways.

Neurodiverse children with imprisoned parents frequently experience **double stigma**: one linked to disability and one linked to familial criminalisation.



Neurodiverse children with a parent in prison often experience the criminal justice system as:

- Overwhelming and confusing
- Emotionally destabilising
- Insufficiently accommodating of neurodivergent needs
- Marked by stigma and silence

Some of our changemaking activities

Our leaflet for Probation Practitioners

Our film for police and law enforcement officers (Merseyside and European wide)

Our 'Clocks and Kindness' campaign

Training for prison visiting staff

What children and young people say they need:

Clear, accessible explanations of what is happening and why

Reasonable adjustments during prison visits (shorter waits, quiet spaces, visual information)

Cross-system coordination between prisons, schools, health services, and carers

A child-first, rights-based approach, recognising both disability and the impact of parental imprisonment