

Bringing The Outside In: Liverpool's Prison Family Hub

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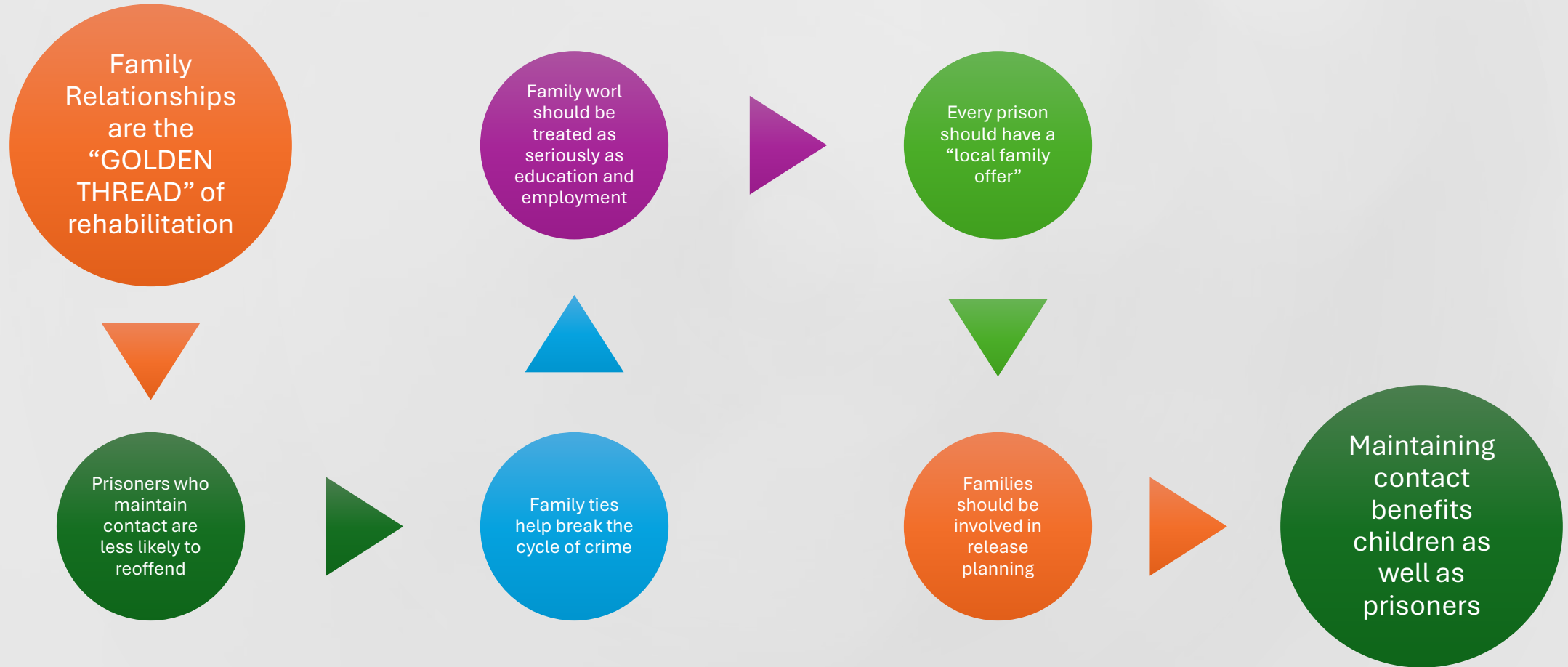




Background

- The Ministry of Justice estimates that approximately 193,000 children in England and Wales had a parent in prison
- The same analysis estimated that around 109,000 prisoners were parents
- Historically around 95% of imprisoned parents are fathers
- A reasonable approximation is that well over 150,000 children in England and Wales have a father in prison at any given time
- Prisoners who receive visits from a family member are about 39% less likely to reoffend than prisoners who receive no family visits
- Evidence suggests that when fathers maintain meaningful contact with their children, they are generally more likely to see themselves as parents rather than offenders, which is linked to lower reoffending risk.

The Lord Farmer Report 2017



It started with The Nurturing Programme...





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Antenatal Programme “Welcome to the World”

Dads to be can take part in a 5-session antenatal programme “welcome to the world”. The five sessions are a relaxed way for parents to think about the transition to parenthood and discuss issues that can be a challenge for every new mother and father. A midwife and health visitor are invited to session 5 to answer any queries and questions

Baby Programme

The baby programme is tailored for dads who have babies aged 0-12 months. The programme consists of 5 sessions; one of baby bathing, where mum brings baby into the prison and dad gets to bath his baby, the four remaining sessions consist of baby massage for baby and dad.





Dads Stay and Play

Dads stay and play includes four sessions for dads who have children aged 12 months to 5 years. Dads experience relaxing play sessions with their children in the visits hall and children get to play freely with dad. Activities include art and craft, imaginative play, reading stories and singing nursery rhymes. The family are able to eat a small snack together around a table promoting family time.

Dads and Kids Club

Dads and kids club is an intervention for dads with children aged 5+ years. It consists of four sessions once a week in the visit's hall. Dads are able to move around freely play and interact with their children in a more relaxed environment. Activities include, art and crafts, board games, reading corner and interactive activities.



A close-up photograph of a child's hands, wearing a pink and white patterned sweater, carefully placing a yellow block onto a structure made of other colorful blocks (blue, red, green, orange). The child is sitting on a light green carpet. In the background, there are more colorful blocks and a white bowl. The overall scene is bright and focused on the child's activity.

Vinnies Visits

A session adapted to meet the needs of neurodivergent children



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More interventions..

- Reducing Parental Conflict
- Story time dads
- Family Play and Therapy
- One-one support
- Family Days
- Information and advice on arrival
- Family Peer Mentors

