

Who are we

SHINE for Kids supports children, parents and families affected by the criminal justice system. When a loved one is in custody, it can lead to feelings of isolation and place stress on a family. **At SHINE, we walk beside families every step of the way** to help them stay connected with their loved one and feel supported and strong.



SHINE for Kids®



Where you can find us

Our Child and Family Centres are located at the prisons where we operate, usually near the car park. They are a welcoming space for families to drop in when visiting loved ones in prison. Our Centres are comfortable child friendly places where kids can play or take part in activities with our Child and Family Coordinators. Parents can enjoy a cuppa, change a nappy and take a moment to relax before or after a visit.

NSW locations

Bathurst Correctional Centre (02) 6332 5957
Cessnock Correctional Centre (02) 4991 1035
Clarence Correctional Centre (02) 9714 3000
Family Support, Western Sydney (02) 9714 3000
**Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre,
Kariong** (02) 4340 3842
Goulburn Correctional Centre (02) 4821 2300
**Francis Greenway Correctional Centre,
Windsor** (02) 4574 1542
June Correctional Centre (02) 9714 3000
Long Bay Correctional Centre (02) 9714 3000
Macquarie Correctional Centre (02) 6845 4666
**Mid North Coast Correctional Centre,
Kempsey** (02) 6561 3803
**Aboriginal Community Engagement Worker,
Kempsey** (02) 6561 3800
Parklea Correctional Centre (02) 9837 4397
Silverwater Correctional Centre (02) 9714 3001
South Coast Correctional Centre, Nowra (02) 4423 4185
Wellington Correctional Centre (02) 6845 4666
RISE Education Support (02) 9714 3000

National Office, Sydney

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We keep kids connected

Keeping kids connected with mum or dad in custody is so important for their wellbeing. We help children maintain and build on this important bond with their parent through a number of programs:

Child Friendly Visits

Our trained SHINE team supports families visiting prisons to have a positive experience by setting up an activity area inside the correction centre visits room with fun and engaging toys, games and colouring in.

Supervised Contact

A trained SHINE team member will supervise your child's visit at a correctional centre and support them to ensure the contact is child focused and positive.

Ride By Your Side

This transport and mentoring program matches trained mentors with children to provide them transport by car and support their visit with a loved one in custody.

Storytime

The parent in custody chooses an age appropriate storybook to read to their child/ren and their voice is recorded by our team. The recording and storybook are then sent to the child so they can listen to their parent's voice and feel connected to mum or dad.

Child and Parent Days

These days are for parents in custody and their kids and provide a more "normal" environment for them to interact and bond with one another. The day includes activities like arts and crafts, sports and board games that are inclusive of all age groups and diverse cultures. The activity day is held over four hours during school holidays and focuses on removing barriers that can make prison visits difficult for kids.



We support the whole family

Belonging to Family

Belonging to Family is a culturally appropriate Aboriginal through care program designed for Aboriginal families with loved ones in prison. It supports the transition through the pre/post-release period and works with kids and the wider family unit to strengthen relationships in preparation for loved ones returning home.

Family Support

This program supports families every step of the way when their loved one is in prison by helping them set and reach their goals. We link families with SHINE programs as well as external services and provide regular home visits, support and phone calls to check in on how they are going.

Food Assistance

We provide regular food hampers to families to help put food on their tables.



We help kids at school

Our RISE Education program for primary-school aged children matches an independent adult mentor with kids to support them in the classroom through weekly hour long one-on-one sessions. This program helps students engage positively with their education so that they can thrive at school.



In custody parent programs

SHINE For Kids also delivers a range of evidence based programs to parents in custody. These programs provide parents in prison the opportunity to develop their confidence in building healthy, positive relationships with their children. Keeping Us Together (KUT), Keeping Us Strong (KUS), Storytime and Rhythm to Recovery (R2R) are currently available.



What we do



SHINE for Kids works with a number of Aboriginal communities in Australia.

We acknowledge Elders both past and present and the future generations. We also acknowledge the disproportionate impact that imprisonment has had on Aboriginal families and communities.