

Stay Together Play Together

Supported Playgroup for
young children with a
parent in custody

Building futures
so kids can *shine*

Who we are

We are passionate about transforming the lives of children and young people affected by the criminal justice system.

What we do

We provide services and programs to support children and young people who have had contact with the justice system, from infancy to adulthood.

Where we are

We are a national charity and operate in NSW, VIC, ACT and QLD. Email us at enquiries@shineforkids.org.au

Shine for Kids recognises the Traditional Custodians of Australia and the local Aboriginal communities where we provide services.



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What is Stay Together, Play Together?

Stay Together, Play Together is a playgroup for young children and their mum or dad in custody that provides high-quality play experiences to support the vital child-parent connection.



What's involved?

Regular facilitated playgroups are held in child-friendly spaces in correctional centres to give mums and dads in custody the time, activities, resources, and support they need to strengthen their relationships with their children and build parenting skills.

Play is largely self-directed, spontaneous and fun!

A goal in every playgroup is to help parents learn about the significance of their role in their child's early education.



Why is this program needed?

Children with a parent in custody don't have access to quality playtime with their mum or dad in a safe and supported environment, leading to feelings of disconnection and affecting wellbeing.

Parents in custody don't have the resources and support that parents have in the community and may not know how to engage and interact with their children.

This program, underpinned by the community playgroup principles, fosters connection and the important child-parent bond while also helping parents to be the best mum or dad they can be while in custody.



Who is eligible?

Children aged 0-5 and their mum or dad in custody. Please visit www.shineforkids.org.au to find the current locations this program is offered.



How do I sign up or refer someone?

Please email us at enquiries@shineforkids.org.au to express interest in your child/ren or a child you know participating in this playgroup with their parent in custody. Parents in custody can contact their local SHINE for Kids staff member or Programs Officer.

