



Prison Network (PN) is a registered charity that supports women who are in prison and who have been in prison. Prison Network journeys with women in and beyond prison, providing the support and courage they need to navigate positive pathways and create change.

Amongst the programs PN provides are **'Keeping Kids Connected'** programs to help mothers maintain contact and good connections with children.

Experiencing a mother going to jail is a traumatic experience for children, comparable to the death of a parent. Unlike bereavement, children whose mothers are incarcerated don't receive the same social support, empathy, and practical assistance. Without support children can experience immediate and long-term harm.

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PN aims to minimise that impact by creating opportunities for children to positively connect with their mothers and share meaningful, fun experiences together. PN also supports children and their carers with material aid, assistance with navigating the education and prison systems, and food relief.

PN also provides post-release support such as transitional housing, social outings, post-release support groups, placing women released from prison in suitable employment, helping women get job-ready, helping with police checks, plus mentoring and help with developing relationships.