

Gloucestershire County Council Children's Services is committed to helping children and young people with a parent in prison.

If you wish to talk to someone please contact:

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For other local contacts see back page.

Some children and families have commented on the support provided by the Castle Gate Family Trust:

'Rae, I miss my Dad but I like writing to him with you' (Child age 6)

'Speaking to you has made me see things a lot clearer, I know it's not my fault now'
(Child age 13)

*'Just want to say a very big thank you for everything. It helped **** so much. She has talked about you throughout the year. And that means a lot to me.'* (mother)

Some professionals have also commented:

I will definitely use the service again...they provide the support and direct information we simply cannot' (Headteacher)

'I think all schools should have a link... It's a wonderful service.'
(Reintegration Coordinator)

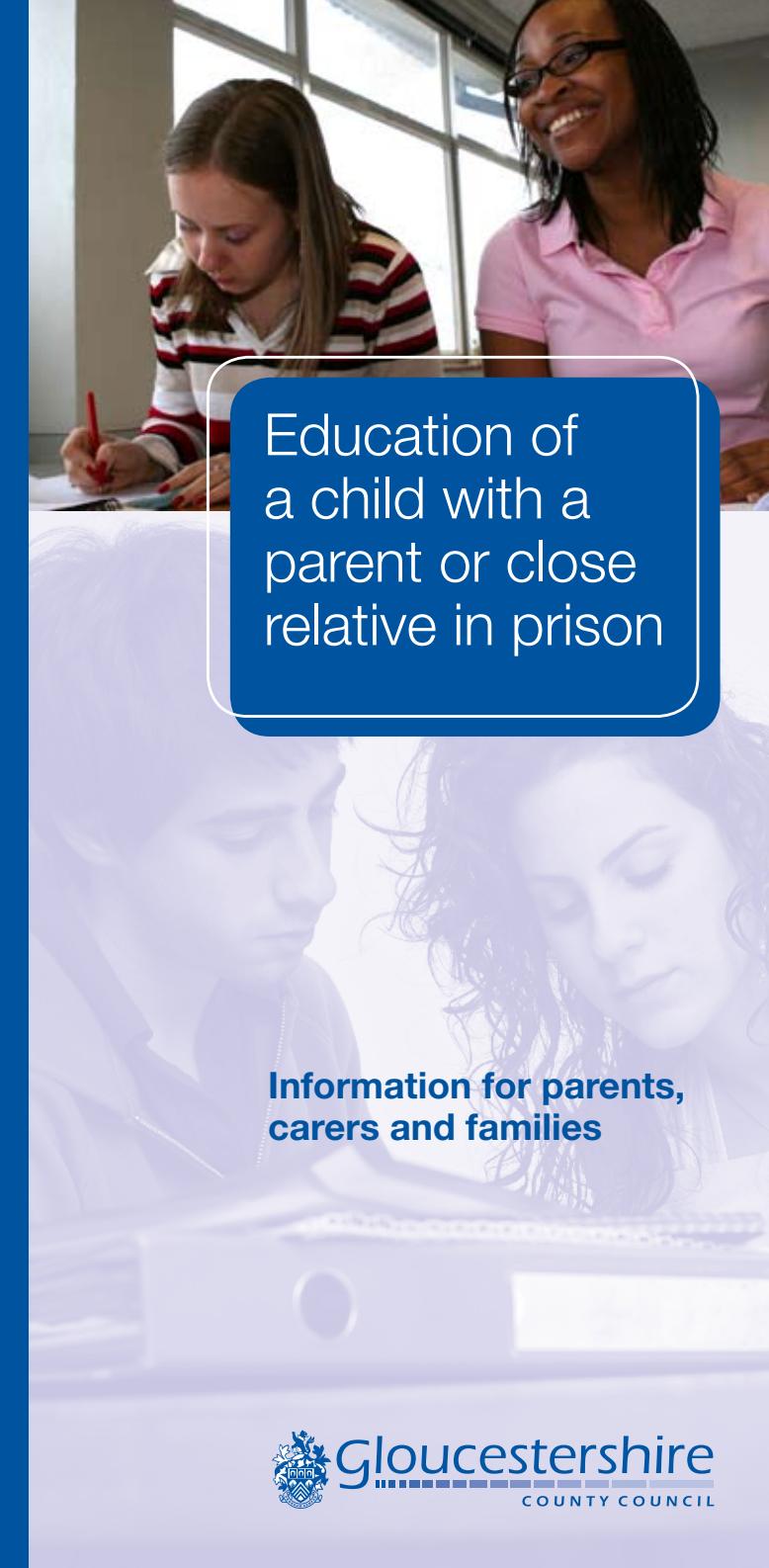
Local Contacts:

Castle Gate Family Trust	01452 453127
Education Welfare Service	01452 550505
Youth Offending Service	01452 547540
Nelson Trust	01453 885633
Fair Shares	01452 413900

National Support:

Parentline Plus	0808 800 2222
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Family Rights Group	020 7923 1696
The Prisoners' Families Helpline	0808 080 2003
Prisoners Advice Service	020 7253 3323
Assisted Prison Visits Unit	0845 300 1423
Barnardo's	01179 375 500
PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust)	020 7490 3139
Prison Reform Trust	020 7251 5070
St. Giles Trust	020 7703 7000
NACRO	020 78407200
Howard League for Penal Reform	020 7249 7373

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Education of a child with a parent or close relative in prison

Information for parents, carers and families

Do you know
a child who
has a parent or
close relative
in prison?



How can we help these children?

!LTHOUGH IT IS DIFICUL
and ask for help, there is support for
children. Here are some practical
things that can be done to help
children with a parent in prison.



What if the child is finding things really difficult?

Keep talking to the school to see what
E X T R A S U P P O R T C A N B E P R O V I D E D
centre or family support staff at the prison
can provide advice and information.

Children with a parent in prison are innocent victims and may:

Tell the children the truth.

- s NOT KNOW THAT THEIR PARENT IS ~~AN INK~~ ABOUT WHAT TO SAY AND
 - s MAY BELIEVE THAT THEIR PARENT "IS ~~FOR~~ END FOR QUESTIONS from home' s #AN YOU REALLY KEEP IT A SEC
 - s IND IT DIFICULT TO CONCENTRATE ~~ON~~ ~~THEIR PARENT~~ learn about their parent going to prison from work friends or other people in the community
 - s BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT THEIR ~~PARENT~~ ~~CHILDREN~~ ARE TOLD THE TR prison parent in prison
 - s HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF ANXIETY ~~AND~~ ~~WHAT~~ PRISONS CAN OFFER
 - s BECOME WITHDRAWN Family day visits
 - s BE BULLIED OR BECOME BULLIES ~~THE~~ ~~KEEP~~ communications of
 - s EXPERIENCE MONEY PROBLEMS AND ~~OFFENDER~~ ~~PROPERTY~~ paying for school events Work with Families & Schools
 - s BE IN DANGER OF BEING EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL
 - s BEGIN TO OFFEND THEMSELVES

Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

WHEN TO SAY IT
Many services use the Common Assessment
& FRAMEWORK USUALLY CALLED
REFERRAL CHILDREN COULD 4 HIS IS
NEEDS OF THE CHILD
who can provide support to help with those
needs.

Who can offer to do the CAF?

- s 0 R O B A T I O N S E R V I C E
s 4 H E F A M I L Y
support or visitor
centre staff at
prisons
s 4 H E C H I L D S S C H O O L
s # O N N E X I O N S
C H E R A O R H O S P I T A L S E R V I C E
s 3 O C I A L S E R V I C E S



Inform the child's school

- s !SK TO SPEAK TO THE (EAD TEACHER OR HO\$EVICE
member of staff that you trust s 3SOCIAL 3ERVICE

s 4ELL THEM WHAT HAS HAPPENED

s 3CHOOLS WILL TREAT THIS INFORMATION AS MOUNTAIN CO

s !GREE WITH THE SCHOOL WHAT ~~SEND THE FORTY~~ WOULD
best for the child decide who this

~~XPERIENCE~~ EVERY LEAST THE SCHOOL CAN KEEP AN EYE
on the child information can be shared with. So, the

They are not alone

Over 160,000 children have a parent or relative in prison

OF CHILDREN WILL a parent imprisoned during their school years