

Our Vision

For children of parents in the criminal justice system to participate fully in family, cultural and community life.

Our Purpose

SHINE for Kids works in partnership with children and young people with a parent in the criminal justice system to overcome social and educational barriers and realise their individual potential.

Our Core Values

Child-focused

- We will focus on the best interests of children and young people at all times
- We will consult children and young people and consider their issues

Integrity

- We will treat people consistently and with respect
- We will respect confidentiality
- We will act lawfully and ethically
- We will fulfil commitments we have made

Empowerment

- We will provide children and young people, their families and carers with the necessary tools to achieve each child's fullest potential
- We will encourage people to accept responsibility and be accountable for their actions
- We will celebrate and recognise achievements, innovation and initiative



On the web

When you visit our website www.shineforkids.org.au you'll find all the latest details of our services and programs and where they're available.

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Operating Barwon Prison
Others planned – see our website for details

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Feedback

Feedback is always welcome in relation to any aspect of SHINE for Kids. All feedback is treated as confidential. Please write to:
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About SHINE for Kids

SHINE for Kids is a not-for-profit organisation supporting children, young people and their families affected by parental involvement in the criminal justice system by providing a range of proven programs that focus on building resilience in children to give them the foundations for a healthy future.

The services offered by SHINE for Kids are based on the question: "What is in the best interest of the child?" They have been developed since 1982 through working exclusively with children and families affected by parental involvement in the criminal justice system.

Our programs employ qualified, experienced staff and are generously supported by volunteers who have undergone specialised training and security checks.

How you can help us

Make a donation

As well as Government departments, SHINE for Kids relies on the support of generous organisations and individuals. Learn more or donate online at www.shineforkids.org.au. All donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Make a bequest

A bequest is a wonderful way of assisting us to continue our work. Find out how to make a bequest at www.shineforkids.org.au.

Volunteer with SHINE for Kids!

A great way to feel great! No matter what your skillset, even if you don't want to work directly with children, there's a way to help. All the details are at www.shineforkids.org.au.

Help us raise funds

We're always looking to partner with innovative organisations for fun, interesting ways to raise funds to continue our programs and services.

Contact us now!

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Programs and services offered by SHINE for Kids across Victoria

Prison Invisits Program

Visiting prisons can be a traumatic, confusing and upsetting experience for children. Because visitors are forbidden from taking any item into the visiting area, children have no familiar comforts during long visits – and must also somehow engage with a parent they may have spent time with only sporadically – in a harsh, noisy and highly controlled environment.

When children encounter a more enjoyable visit, they develop a stronger bond with their parent and feel better about visiting. The Prison Invisits Program provides a variety of arts, craft and diversionary activities for children to share with their parents or enjoy while their parent looks on. Activities also provide entertainment between times spent talking to their parent.

As the children are supervised by a qualified and experienced Childcare Worker employed by SHINE for Kids and trained volunteers, parents and carers have more opportunities to relate with each other in an adult context during the visit, while the activities provide the children with peer support that reduces feelings of isolation and bolsters emotional wellbeing.



SKY Program – mentoring young people

The SKY (Support for Kids and Youth) Program links volunteer mentors in the community to young people aged 8–17 years who have been affected by parental imprisonment. Many of these young people face challenging life situations, lacking acceptance, care and companionship, and may also lack coping and socialising skills. The Mentor role connects with the young person and builds a supportive, non-judgmental relationship, becoming a

consistent, stable person in their life. Mentors participate in social outings and other activities with the young person, providing them with opportunities to develop broader social skills and sharing relaxing enjoyable outings and experiences. Mentoring relationships are ongoing for at least a year; many last much longer.



In Victoria the SHINE for Kids Mentoring Program is part of SKY, which SHINE for Kids is establishing in partnership with VACRO (the Victorian

Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders). Through SKY, VACRO will provide counselling for school-aged children and young people with a family member in the criminal justice system alongside the SHINE for Kids Mentoring Program.

Research and advocacy

SHINE for Kids undertakes a number of research and advocacy initiatives to give children of prisoners a voice. Research and advocacy provide opportunities to share knowledge, experience, and expertise with the community, industry and government leaders. Some examples include:

- Recording and reporting on the challenges and needs facing the children of prisoners
- Advocating on behalf of children and families of prisoners
- Community education to create awareness
- Providing solutions to ensure children of prisoners are not disadvantaged
- Informing and engaging with policy makers
- Developing resources to support children and families of prisoners
- Providing expert advice to other service providers

