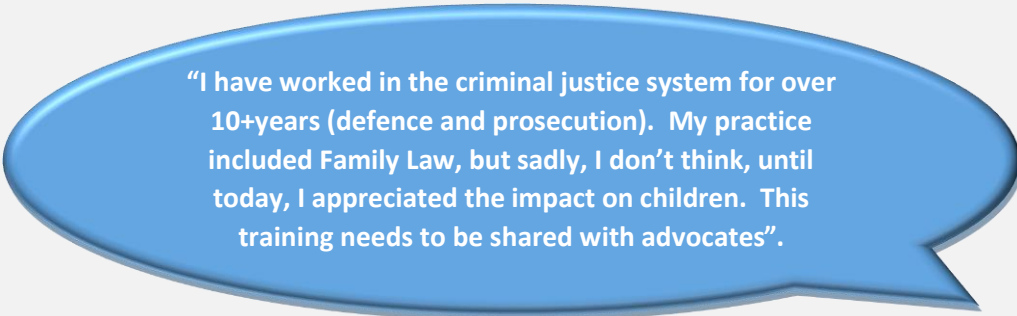


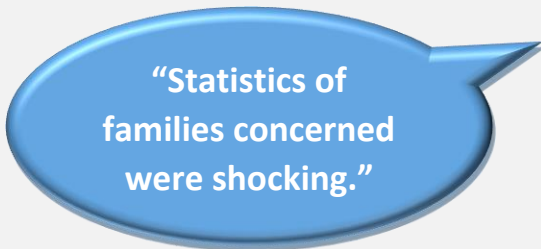
Sample training for community partners

Out of the Shadows (OOTS)


In Scotland, the daily average number of people in prison is 8000. For each of those prisoners there is a family left behind to pick up the pieces. For them the impact of imprisonment – emotionally and practically - can be significant and enduring. Families can play an important role in supporting an offender and preventing reoffending but they have their own needs for support too. Families can feel invisible and marginalised. They must be brought **'Out of the Shadows'**. This training was developed in conjunction with South West Scotland Community Justice Authority in September 2014. This is a half -day session involving a range of professionals, from a number of different areas, and has now been rolled out with community and prison personnel.



"I have worked in the criminal justice system for over 10+years (defence and prosecution). My practice included Family Law, but sadly, I don't think, until today, I appreciated the impact on children. This training needs to be shared with advocates".



"Statistics of families concerned were shocking."



"An excellent learning experience for me. I've realised I knew even less than I thought I did. Very interesting to have comments from the other organisations present".

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Recognise the important role which families play in reducing the risk of re-offending
- Explore families' need for support in their own right
- Examine individuals' own role in promoting family engagement
- Recognise the children affected by offending as a priority group
- Demonstrate good practice in promoting a holistic, family-centred approach to reducing re-offending