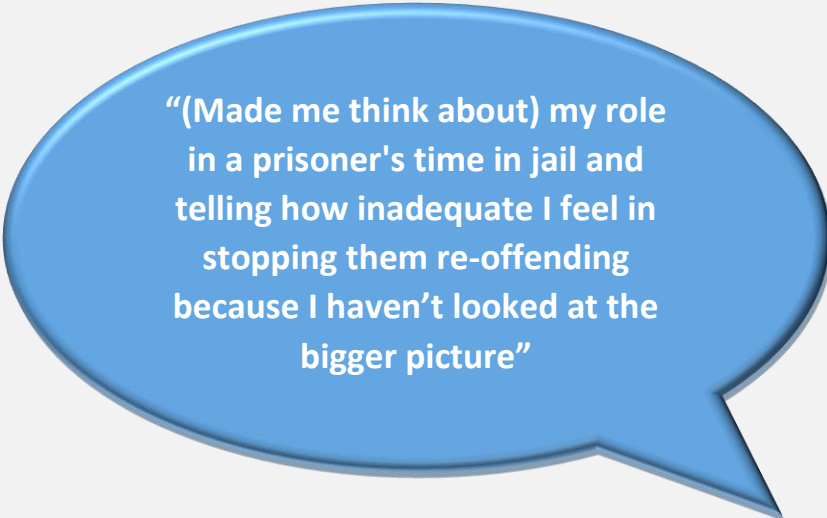


Sample training for prison staff

Impact of Imprisonment on Families

The training session is an introduction for prison staff to issues faced by family members when someone is involved in the criminal justice system. Relationships, nurturing positive contact during imprisonment and following release, parenting opportunities and the role of staff, both prison and community based, are explored.



“(Made me think about) my role in a prisoner's time in jail and telling how inadequate I feel in stopping them re-offending because I haven't looked at the bigger picture”

Learning Outcomes

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

- Understand the impact of arrest and imprisonment on family members and on relationships between someone in prison and their family member or friend
- Recognise the key role families can play in risk assessment, case management, recovery from substance misuse, crime prevention, child protection, and resettlement
- Understand that families need support in their own right
- Understand the role that Family Contact Officers, prison Visitors' Centres, Family Help Hubs, and good quality family contact can play in a prisoner's sentence management.