

# About SHINE



SHINE for Kids®

145,000 children



under 16 have had a parent in custody

60% of women and 46% men in custody have children



52% of young people in youth justice centres and 66% of Aboriginal young people in custody have **at least one of their parents in prison**



SHINE for Kids has 40 years' experience delivering programs and services to children and young people affected by the criminal justice system.

Children with a parent in prison are the invisible victims of crime. They experience significant psychological and emotional trauma, isolation, bullying, poverty, homelessness and fragmentation of care, education and family support.

Nationally, SHINE delivers programs in 32 correctional centres and provides community programs in NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC and WA.

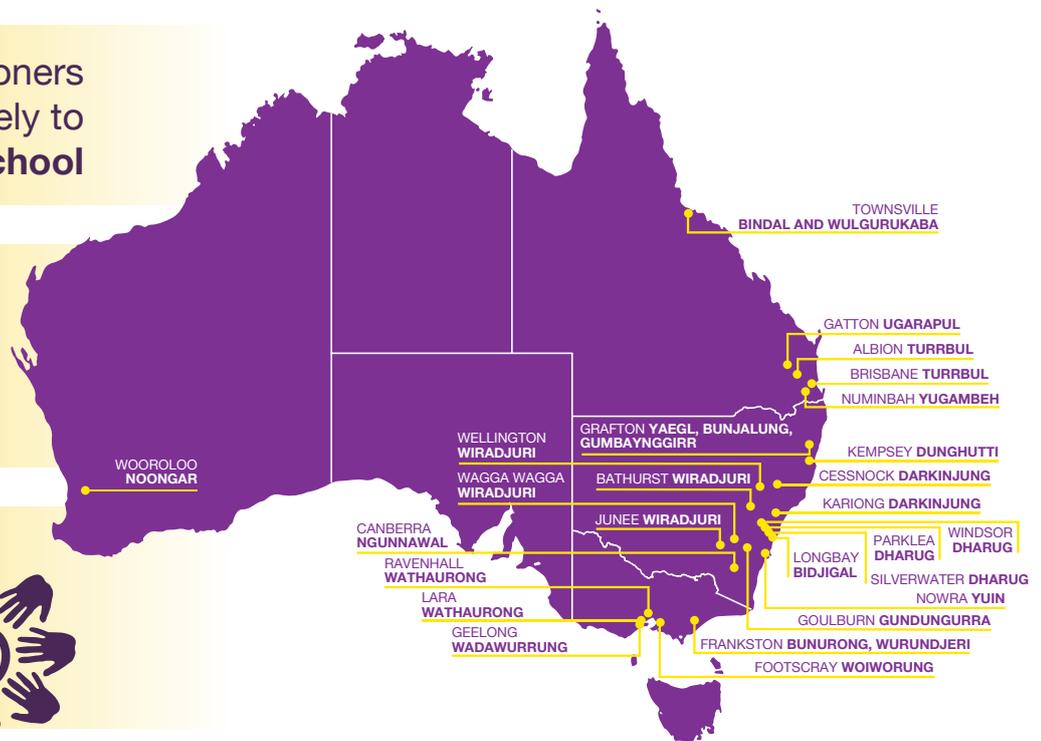
SHINE is the leading organisation and the only national charity supporting children with a parent in prison.



Children of prisoners are 40% more likely to **drop out of school**

SHINE supports **7,000 children** and young people and **5,000 families** nationally

30% of children SHINE for Kids supports are **Aboriginal**



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# What we do



**Our programs are about connecting, reconnecting and strengthening relationships.** For children and young people, connection helps build confidence and self-esteem and our programs support them while their parent is in custody.

For parents in custody, connection to family gives them hope for a new beginning after prison. For young people involved in the justice system, we connect them with an independent adult mentor who walks beside them supporting them in custody and in the community on release.

Our programs in the community include Storytime, RISE Education Program, Ride By Your Side, Supported Prison Visits, Family Support, Belonging To Family, and in custody programs Keeping Us Together, Keeping Us Strong, Rhythm to Recovery, Stay Together Play Together, Stand As One, Child-friendly Prison Visits, and Child and Parent Days.

We co-design our programs with local organisations and community to make sure they are effective and sustainable.



## Our Outcomes

**97%** of parents said their child **benefits from SHINE services**

**95%** of parents said SHINE services **help nurture, repair and maintain the bond** with their children while incarcerated

**98%** of parents and carers said SHINE makes it **easier for children to visit their parent in prison**

**96%** of students in the RISE program **feel more supported in the classroom**

**73%** of Principals have observed a **reduction in challenging behaviour**

**90%** of Principals said **RISE strengthens family and community functions**

“It doesn’t matter where you are, you can still connect and make important input in your children’s life.”

“I just want to keep connecting with my kids and I’m using all the tools I practiced in the Keeping Us Together program. It’s helped me restore my self-worth as a father.”

“To see dad communicate back to his kids before getting released is very important and the kids know, dad’s still there.”