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Introduction

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A short introduction to chapter about the recommendations concerning the relationship between NGOs and the prison services.

The aim of the chapter

- **The aim of the chapter; explore the relationship that prison services have with the NGOs.**

Two questions:
- *How can the recomendations concering children of imprisoned parentes be improved by the cooperation with NGOs?*
- *Are there any good practise of cooperation with NGOs and the prison services?*

Recommendations of relevance

Article 6: National authorities shall endeavour to provide sufficient resources to State agencies and civil society organisations.

Art 7: training on child-related policies and practices should be provided for all staaf in contact with children.

Art 19. Accompany a child´s visit.

Art 41-42 Sentence planning in order to promote positive parenting and getting ready to leave prison.

Art 44, 49 Leaving prison- the need of a multi-agency approach

General remarks

- Build interfaces between the authority and civil society - important for families on the outside and for clients on release
- Offer support after the sentence to the entire family.
- Organize support for the child and the family on the outside.
- Lobbying and raise awarness in society about the consequences that imprisonment can have on affected families.
- Challenges- security regulations and permanent funding.
- The road to succés- social contacts with sufficient resources.
- The report shows that the Prison service depend heavily on the NGOs- to maintain the relationship between prisoners and their children.
- Cooperation with NGOs- a way to implement the Recommendations.

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