

# Strengthening ties between prisoners and their families: Effects of the family approach intervention in the Netherlands

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Positive opinion
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	-
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON27502

### Source

Nationaal Trial Register

### Brief title

TBA

### Health condition

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## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** None

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Dienst Justitiële Inrichtingen

## Intervention

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

internalizing and externalizing problem behavior of children of imprisoned fathers

### Secondary outcome

father-child relationships, father-caregiver relationships, recidivism risk, parenting skills, detention experience, internalizing and externalizing problem behavior of imprisoned fathers, internalizing and externalizing problem behavior of caregivers of children

## Study description

### Background summary

The family approach is a family intervention carried out in two all-male prisons in Veenhuizen and Leeuwarden. The project is aimed at strengthening family ties in order 1) to reduce the negative influence of paternal imprisonment on problem behaviour of children of prisoners, 2) to tackle patterns of intergenerational transmission of criminal behaviour, 3) to disrupt criminogenic family situations and 4) to reduce recidivism rates of prisoners after release.

### Study objective

Participation in the family approach strengthens father-child relationships and thereby reduces internalizing and externalizing problem behavior of children with an imprisoned father

### Study design

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### Intervention

The family approach consists of three elements:

- 1) child friendly prison visitation facilities and enhanced possibilities for parent-child contact (such as video calls)
- 2) an extensive support system by social workers (prisoners follow a specialized day program which includes parenting classes, and after release the participants have access to a re-integration support)
- 3) the placement of participants on a cell block which only houses fathers who participate in the family approach (the fathers' wing)

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## **Eligibility criteria**

### **Inclusion criteria**

- 1) have at least one child
- 2) show good behavior in prison
- 3) have no criminal history which may be harmful for the child
- 4) be motivated to strengthen family relationships

### **Exclusion criteria**

- 1) have no children
- 2) show bad behavior in prison
- 3) have a criminal history which may be harmful for the child

## **Study design**

### **Design**

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Parallel
Allocation:	Non-randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active

### **Recruitment**

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Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-05-2019

Enrollment: 75  
Type: Anticipated

## IPD sharing statement

**Plan to share IPD:** No

## Ethics review

Positive opinion  
Date: 08-04-2019  
Application type: First submission

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

### Register ID

NTR-new NL7650

Other Ethics Committee of the Department of Sociology, University of Groningen :  
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## Study results