



Effects of Parental Incarceration on the Family

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Message from the Guest Editors

Incarceration has important effects not only on the individual but also on a family level. The relationship between incarcerated parents and their children is inevitably affected. Children with an incarcerated parent have shown lower levels of physical and psychological health and higher levels of social stigmatization, school and behavioral problems, as well as risky and criminal behavior, among others.

Thus, it is clear that the incarceration of a family member challenges the family as a whole. This Special Issue offers an opportunity to publish high-quality interdisciplinary research (quantitative and qualitative), systematic reviews and meta-analyses, and evidence-based interventions. All these types of articles should be focused on the different challenges that families affected by incarceration face at different levels: children's wellbeing, parental satisfaction and stress of both the prison inmate and main caregiver outside the prison, and romantic and sexual life. Studies which address the effects of family processes on prison inmates' intentions of ceasing criminal behavior and/or their record of criminal recidivism are also welcomed.





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