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Information to you who is a parent
and currently resides in prison

Do you want to participate in the evaluation of For Our Children's Sake?

Why is the evaluation conducted, what is the purpose?

Being a parent and serving a sentence in prison can lead to many negative emotions and experiences both for the parent and the child. As a parent, you may be in need of support in order to better manage the relationship with the children during the penalty, but also when you get home again.

I andra länder har föräldrastödsinsatser som liknar För våra barns skull utvärderats vetenskapligt och flera av insatserna ha visat en positiv inverkan för både föräldrar och barn (genom att stötta föräldraskap och relationen mellan barn och föräldrar). Inga vetenskapliga utvärderingar har genomförts på föräldrastödsinsatsen som finns på svenska anstalter, För våra barns skull. Det här forskningsprojektet kommer att utvärdera hur bra För våra barns skull fungerar som stöd för dig som förälder.

In other countries, parental support interventions that are similar to For Our Children's Sake have been scientifically evaluated and several of the interventions have shown a positive impact for both parents and children (by supporting parenting and the relationship between children and parents). No scientific evaluations have been carried out on the parental support initiative available in Swedish institutions For Our Children's Sake. This research project will evaluate how well For Our Children's Sake works to support you as a parent.

Who conducts the evaluation?

The evaluation is carried out in autumn 2019 and spring 2020 by researchers from Karolinska Institutet which is the entity responsible for the research. The principal investigator is Åsa Norman at the Department of Clinical Neuroscience, asa.norman@ki.se, 08-524 800 74.

Why am I receiving this letter?

You are receiving this information letter because you are currently admitted to one of the prisons that are part of the evaluation and you are therefore have the possibility to contribute to ensuring that For Our Children's Sake can be evaluated in as good a way as possible.

How is the evaluation carried out, what data is collected and how?

- To be able to see what impact For Our Children's Sake has on parenting and the relationship between child and parent, you answer questions when you participate in For Our Children's Sake.

The questionnaire you are replying to contains questions about:

- Questions about your opinions about parenting
- Questions about/How often you are in contact with your/your children and how you experience the relationship with the child/nen. We will ask the age and sex of the children, so that we can distinguish the children and you will respond for your children specifically (we will not ask for the name or other identity details of the children)

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- Questions about how many times you have been convicted and how long your current sentence is. We ask this because the length of time the parent is in prison can affect how the child and how the parent him/herself experiences the relationship with the child and how much contact you have with the child. The details of your sentence will not be used for any other purpose.
 - Questions about you e.g. education, occupation and age and experience of participating in For Our Children's Sake
 - All sensitive personal data about you will be collected from you, no one else (e.g. registers, etc.).
 - You will respond to questionnaires before, during and after group (group termination) and three months after group termination). You fill in a different number of questions each time, but the questionnaire takes about 5 – 20 minutes to answer each time.
 - Each time you respond to a questionnaire, you will receive a sealed envelope with your first name on it. In the envelope you will find the questionnaire with only a code (no name) and a blank envelope. You fill out the questionnaire, put it in the blank envelope and seal it. You then give it to the staff to pass to the researchers. The envelope with your first name is discarded. This way, no one other than the researchers can link your questionnaire to you.
- In order to see that the group leaders are performing For Our Children's Sake as intended, the group meetings are audio recorded. The audio recording is used only to follow what the group leaders are doing, not to gather any data about you and nothing of what you say during the group meetings will be noted, used or passed on.
 - Efter gruppens avslut kommer forskarna att tillfråga cirka 15 föräldrar som blir kontaktade för att en telefonintervju om hur de upplevde det att vara med i För våra barns skull. Du behöver inte alls bestämma nu om du vill vara med i telefonintervjun, du anger bara om du kan tänka dig att bli kontaktad. Om du sedan blir kontaktad för intervju kan du tacka ja eller nej till det då. De föräldrar som är med i intervjun kommer att få en ersättning på 200 kronor (ersättningen är skattepliktig).
 - After group termination, the researchers will ask about 15 parents to participate in an interview about on how they perceived participation in For Our Children's Sake. You do not have to decide now if you want to participate in the interview, only specify if you can consider being contacted. If you are contacted for an interview, you can accept or reject it then. The parents who participate in the interview will be reimbursed with SEK 200.

How are the evaluation results reported?

All results will be reported at group level and no individual will be identifiable in the results. The results will be disseminated within the Swedish Prison and Probation Service so that other incarcerated parents can benefit. The results will also be presented internationally so that incarcerated parents, correctional services, and researchers in other countries can benefit from the evaluation also. If you want information about the results after you have been released, you are welcome to contact the responsible researcher with the e-mail address where information can be sent.

What happens to my answers/data, how are they handled and protected by the researchers?

Karolinska Institutet is responsible for personal data collected. All data in the study is pseudonymised, which means that your personal data is replaced with a code. Paper questionnaires are kept in a locked storage at the Department of Clinical Neuroscience at Karolinska Institutet.

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Digital data (audio recordings of group meetings and from questionnaires) are stored on a secure server at KI that only responsible researchers and research staff have access to. The link between personal data and code is in a code list. During the ongoing study, the code list falls under the general Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is kept locked at Karolinska Institutet. During all analysis, only the code is used. After the study, the code list is destroyed. No information that can be attributed to you as a person will be issued. Your personal data and other information collected about you is protected by confidentiality rules under the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act, which means that no unauthorized person can take part of the data. As Karolinska Institutet is a government agency, all data are protected under the legislation on public documents, government archives and public statistics. All information is stored for 10 years.

Karolinska Institutet processes personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council (General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR). Under the EU Data Protection regulation, you have the right to receive information about you that is handled in the study free of charge, and, if necessary, to have any errors corrected. You may also request that data about you be erased and that the processing of your personal data is restricted. If you would like to take part of the information, please contact the project leader Åsa Norman at the Department of Clinical Neuroscience, asa.norman@ki.se. Data protection officer at Karolinska Institutet can be reached at dataskyddsbud@ki.se. If you are dissatisfied with the processing of your personal data, you have the right to complain to the Data Protection Authority, which is the supervisory authority.

Voluntary

It is voluntary to participate in the evaluation and you can also at any time choose to cancel your participation without stating the reason. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect your other stay in the prison.

Questions?

Talk to group leaders For Our Children's Sake. If they cannot answer your question themselves, they will contact the researchers to get answers

I want to participate!

Då fyller du i samtyckes blankett som kom med denna information eller som du får av gruppledare eller annan personal.

Fill out the consent form that came with this information or that you receive from the group leader or other staff.