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Women in prison and their children – Forum to improve mother-child bond

Seeds of Affinity – Pathways for Women Incorporated is hosting a public forum to raise awareness of the most vulnerable people in our community – the children of women in prison.

[Every woman AND CHILD](#) will take place in the Uniting Church Hall, Semaphore Road, Exeter on April 8 at 1.00pm

Criminalized women, advocates, government officials and lawyers will join the panel discussion before developing a plan of action that works towards improving the quality of life for women and their children during the prison experience.

Keynote speakers include:

- Michael O’Connell, Commissioner for Victims’ Rights South Australia
- Malcolm Robinson, Director: Bower Place Complex Needs Clinic
- Bernie McGinnes, Principal Advisor: Women Offenders Department for Correctional Services
- Linda Fisk, Coordinator: Seeds of Affinity Pathways for Women Incorporated

Founding member of Seeds of Affinity, an advocate for women’s rights in prison with lived prison experience, and a Psychological Science student at the University of South Australia, Linda says, ‘the forum offers a pragmatic opportunity for all of us to learn, share perspectives, and engage with other service providers to create an action plan on how to improve the psychological, spiritual and emotional well-being of criminalized women and their children.’

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