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‘Not Waving but Drowning’: Opportunities and challenges in supporting families when someone goes to prison

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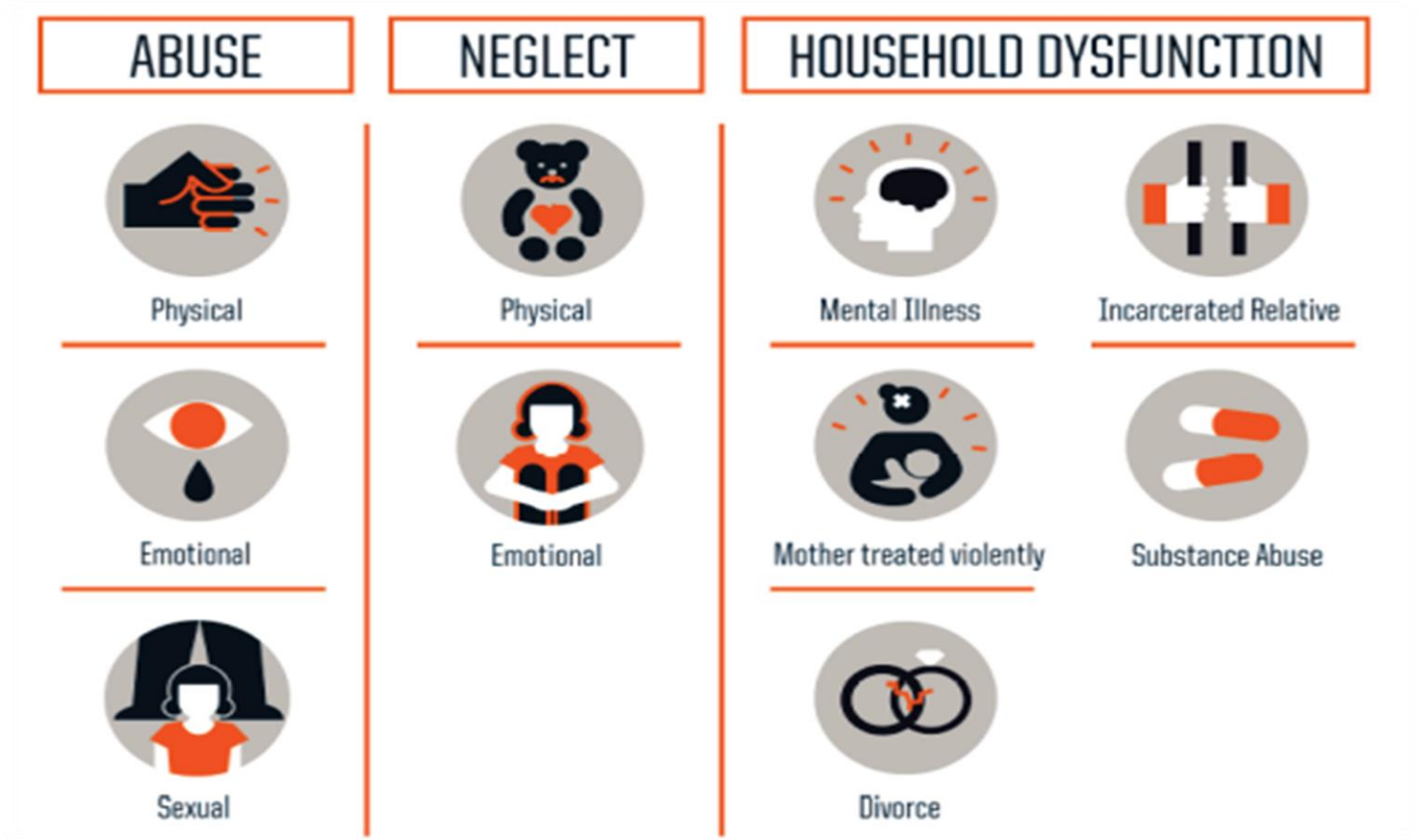
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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Imprisonment of a household member is one of the 10 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) proven to increase long-term risk to health and wellbeing.



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Imprisonment of a household member is associated with a fivefold increase in exposure to other ACEs. (Turney 2018)



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Think of a family....

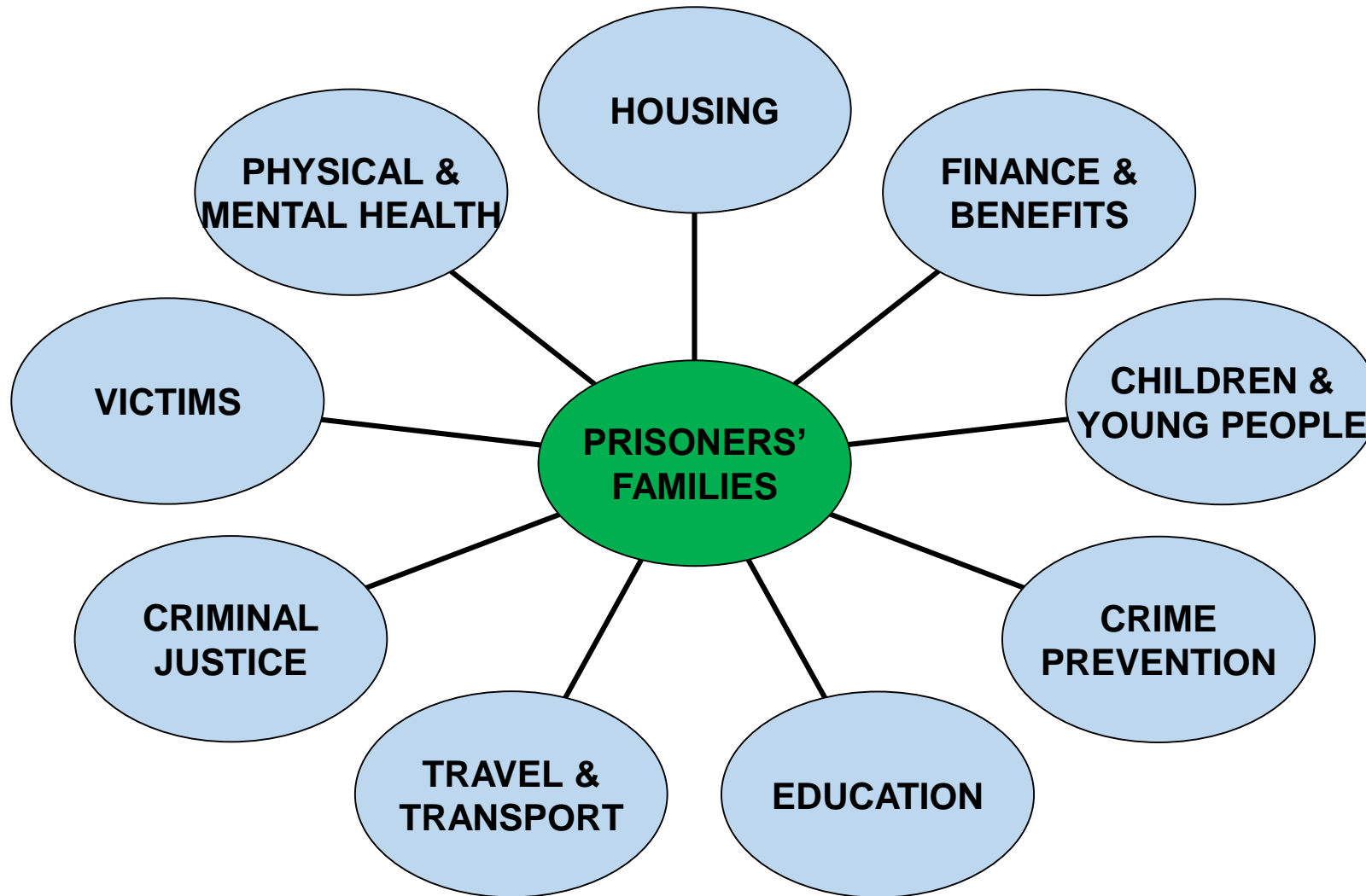


When someone goes to prison...

- **Loss of income**
- **Loss of housing**
- **Victimsation**
- **Cost and logistics of transport**
- **Impact on children**
- **Lack of information**
- **Little involvement in the decisions that affect them**
- **Shame and stigma**



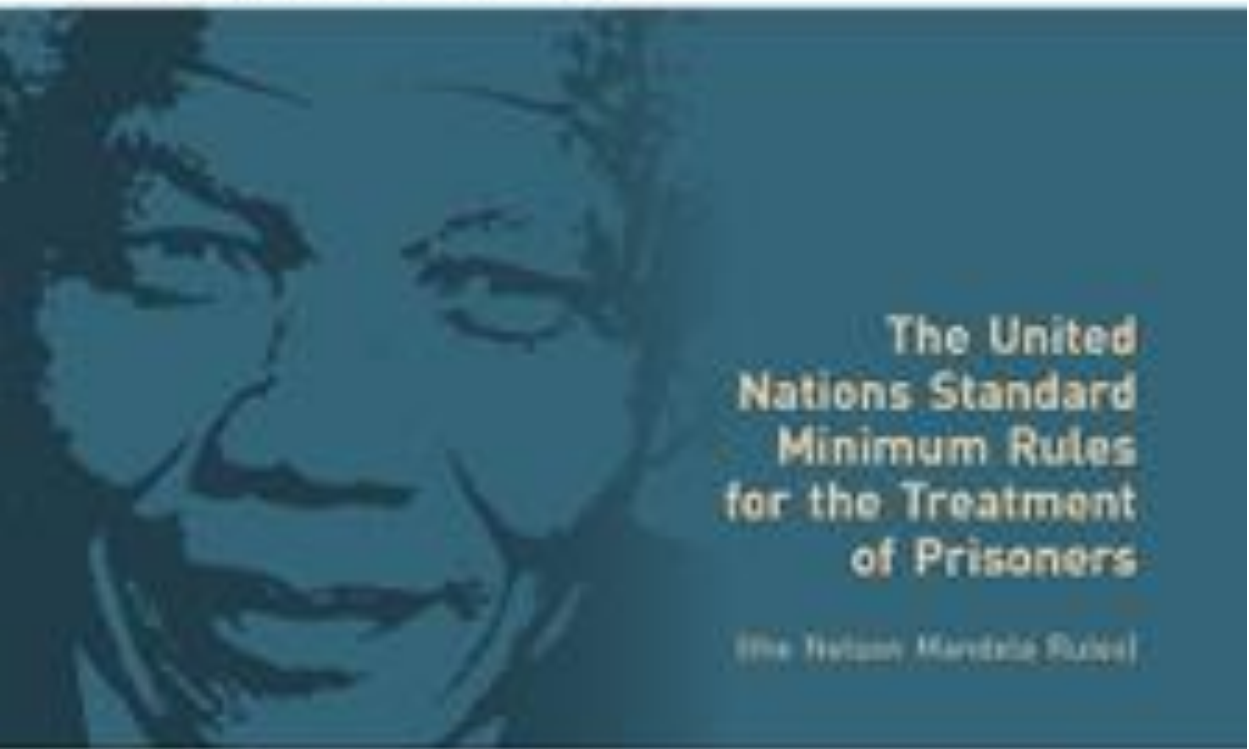
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UN Nelson Mandela Rules 2015

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The United
Nations Standard
Minimum Rules
for the Treatment
of Prisoners

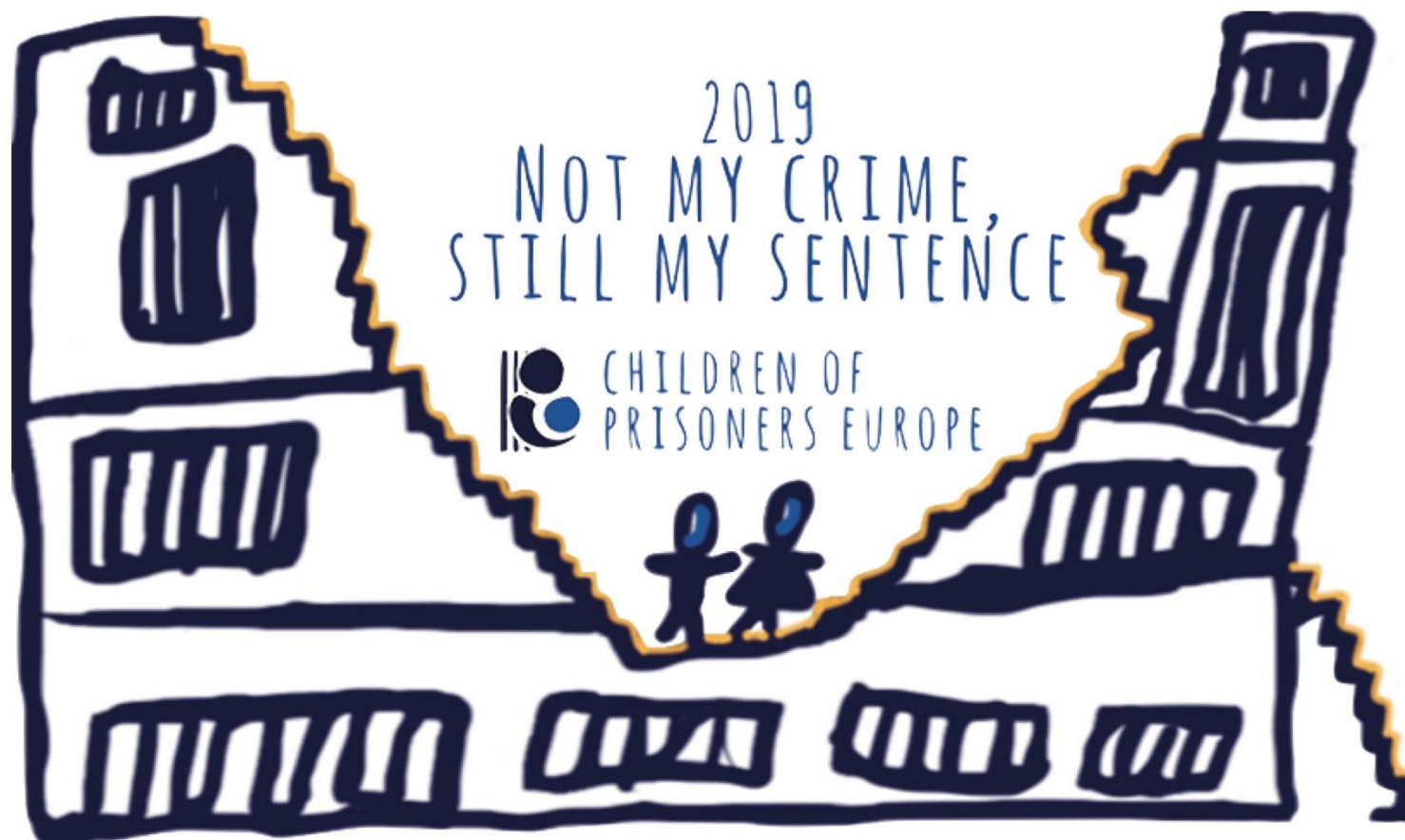
(The Nelson Mandela Rules)

An updated blueprint for prison management
in the 21st century

We should know
who these
children and
families are.

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Council of Europe recommendations 2018



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A difficult balance....

Access to support

Right to privacy

Child protection

Freedom of choice

Best interest?

Collusion?



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Opportunities!



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More opportunities!



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Even more opportunities!



Voicing the needs of families affected by imprisonment

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Supporting Prisoners' Families
What can Health Professionals do?

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What can schools do?

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Keeping it real...



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Missed opportunities...



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 2

Article 3

Article 9

Article 12



U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 1

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