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# **FAMILY APPROACH.**

**[GEZINSBENADERING]**

In Prison

# INTRODUCTION:

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# FAMILY APPROACH

- 2012: Introduction of Family approach by Parc Prison(Symposium Hanze University of Applied Sciences).
- 2015: Symposium Family approach by DJI voor External organizations.

And then

# 2017 START PILOTS

DJI, together with external organizations, started the Family Approach pilot in PI Veenhuizen en PI Leeuwarden



PI Veenhuizen



PI Leeuwarden

# EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:



# OPENING FAMILY WING

PI Veenhuizen April 2018 Esserheem



PI Leeuwarden June 2018



PI Veenhuizen June 2023 Norgerhaven



# THE GOALS:

- Reducing the negative consequences for children with fathers in detention.
- Improving criminogenic family situations (intergenerational transfer).
- Reducing recidivism  
*(prevent relapse into criminal patterns)*

# WHERE IS THE FOCUS?

- The child is the centre of the approach
  - Maintain/repair father-child relationship
  - Continuation or introduction of intervention the familysystem
- 25.000 children with a parent in detention.
  - They experience problems in different areas.
  - Many children also come into contact with the legal system when a parent has been in detention.
  - *“Many children with a parent in custody experiende problems that sometimes persist into adulthood. It is therefore extremely important that more attention is paid to children who experience this” (Children’s ombudsman, 2017)*



# How to enter the programme

- Detainee
- Casemanager/mentor
- Regional Safety Co-ordinator
- External partners

Intake Follows

Declaration of consent is signed

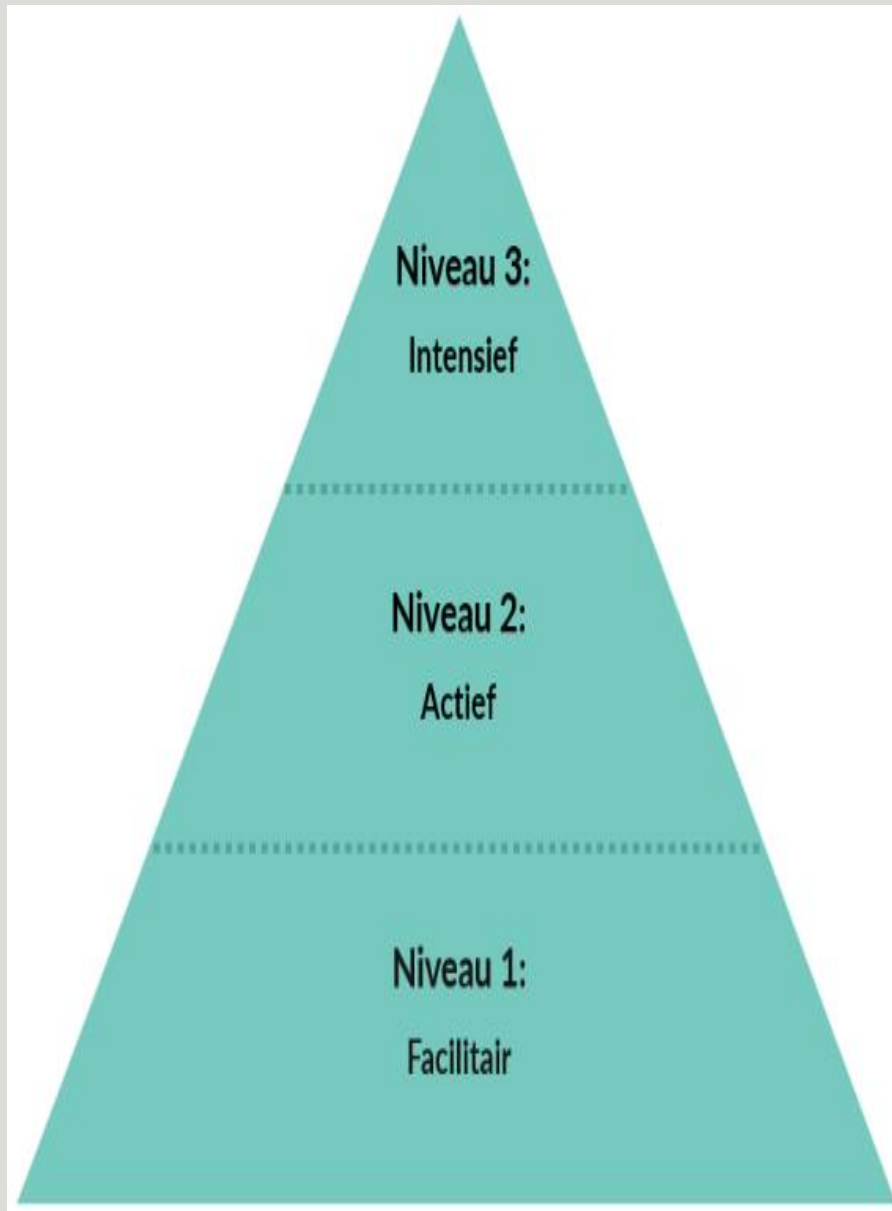
- Contact mother/caregiver
- Declaration of Consent

Screening by Regional Safety Co-ordinator

Drawing up an action plan/fatherhood plan

- Father
- Mother/caregiver
- And when possible, an external casemanager

# FAMILY APPROACH.



- **Niveau/Level 3 Father Wing:**
  - Every family has a tailored family plan
  - Dedicated father's wing stimulating parental identity and social support
  - Provide parent training programmes
  - Provide regular workshops and parent-child activities
- **Niveau/Level 2 Family approach:**
  - Systematic integration of family matters in the daily practice of prison staff
  - Selected prison staff functions as child representatives
  - Provide information to fathers and their families
  - Provide video calling and a private child-friendly visiting room for selected families
- **Niveau/Level 1 child friendly prisonasic requirements:**
  - Child friendly physical environment
  - Child friendly attitude of prison staff
  - Registering basic information about families
  - Regular parent-child activities
  - Basic safety and security measures

# THE FAMILY ROOM

## VIDEO CALLING

FATHER WITH HIS CHILD



# Activities

- Workshops with children/cooking/sports
- Parenting support workshops
- Reading project
- Training My child and me
- First aid course for children and babies
- Cpr course for children and babies
- Social media
- Resilience training (Exodus)



## Annual activities

- Fall camp (Exodus)
- Sports and game day





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# Questions?