Youth, Women and Families

7 annotated reference entries

A companion to the existing research archive. This collection contains original annotations and source links, not copies of published papers.

How to read this collection

Evidence types, populations and limits accompany every entry. Associations do not establish causation. Reports, policy documents and testimony serve different purposes from clinical studies. Research from other environments cannot be assumed to measure prison-specific effects.

Review scope

Sources were traced from topic-scoped research notes and checked on October 28, 2026. The review is not systematic or exhaustive. Some entries rely on abstracts or official summaries; each states its review depth.

The full package has 57 new source works and one existing-table citation enrichment (MP31). Reports and reviews may reuse evidence; this is not a count of independent experiments.

Use the companion source register for citations and the coverage log for duplicate decisions and unresolved leads. Original source IDs are shared across the website, register, PDFs and RIS file.

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The impact of long-term imprisonment

Prisoners Abroad (2025). Prisoners Abroad film announcement.

Setting: UK organization and family testimony; relatives imprisoned abroad in unspecified locations

An advocacy film features three family members discussing the impact of a relative's lengthy imprisonment abroad.

Evidence limits

Testimony offers context, not a representative sample or a causal estimate. The film itself was not independently reviewed in this audit.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: Original organization announcement; film not watched.

Source note: EU prison mental health; Prison mental health.

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Open source publication

Inequities in Mental Health Services: A 16-Year Longitudinal Study of Youth in the Justice System

María José Luna; Karen M. Abram; David A. Aaby; Leah J. Welty; Linda A. Teplin (2024). Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.

Setting: United States

Following a Chicago detention cohort into adulthood, fewer than one in five participants who needed mental-health services received them. Persistent differences were associated with race, sex, age, and disorder.

Evidence limits

This cohort began in 1995 in one jurisdiction; findings do not directly measure present-day service access nationally.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: PubMed abstract and methods.

Source note: Juveniiles in prison -> Northwestern research announcement -> primary study.

DOI: 10.1016/j.jaac.2023.07.005

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Open source publication

MP27 / Health-policy commentary

Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prison: The Dire Need for Reform in the Post-Dobbs Era

E. Van Deventer; E. Tobin-Tyler; Eli Y. Adashi (2024). Health Affairs Forefront.

Setting: United States

Discusses reproductive healthcare, parent-infant separation, prison nurseries, and community alternatives for pregnant and postpartum people.

Evidence limits

Policy commentary is not a comparative evaluation of nursery or diversion programs. Legal context reflects the publication date.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: Publisher article text and citation; authors verified against Adashi's Brown University CV.

Source note: Woman in prison mental health.

DOI: 10.1377/forefront.20240517.526721

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Open source publication

MP36 / Mixed-methods programme evaluation

Dealt an ACE

Graham Durcan (2025). Centre for Mental Health.

Setting: HMP/YOI Brinsford, England

Evaluates trauma-focused practical and emotional support at HMP/YOI Brinsford in England. Across two phases, 161 young men were referred; the evaluation combined standardized measures and interviews, with encouraging accounts of coping, support and resilience.

Evidence limits

Referral totals are not complete outcome samples. This programme evaluation should not be treated as randomized evidence of efficacy or reduced reoffending; the full report PDF was intermittently unavailable.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: Publisher summary, report excerpts and Pact evaluation summary.

Source note: International prison/ mental health (note preview: Dealt an ACE).

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Open source publication

Investigation of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department

US Department of Justice (2024). Civil Rights Division findings report.

Setting: United States

The investigation of five Texas youth facilities found reasonable cause to believe federal rights were violated, describing prolonged isolation, inadequate mental-health care, abuse, and barriers for children with disabilities.

Evidence limits

These are investigative findings about specified facilities and the period examined, not a representative youth-prison prevalence study, a final court judgment, or a current compliance determination.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: Official report executive summary and investigation scope.

Source note: Juveniiles in prison -> reporting -> original DOJ findings.

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Open source publication

MP45 / Peer-reviewed matched cross-sectional cohort study

Pediatric Health and System Impacts of Mass Incarceration, 2009-2020: A Matched Cohort Study

Samantha Boch; Christopher Wildeman; Judith Dexheimer; Robert Kahn; Joshua Lambert; Sarah Beal (2024). Academic Pediatrics.

Setting: United States

At one pediatric health system, records with keywords suggesting personal or family justice involvement showed markedly greater diagnosed health needs and health-care use than matched records without those keywords.

Evidence limits

Keyword screening is an unverified proxy: manual checking found substantial false positives. It also misses undocumented exposure. These limitations and the single-system design preclude causal or national prevalence claims.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: Publisher PDF abstract, results and limitations.

Source note: Prison mental health -> family-health news -> original study.

DOI: 10.1016/j.acap.2024.05.010

Link access check (28 October 2026): Page or document content returned.

Open source publication

Only Young Once: The Systemic Harm of Florida's School-to-Prison Pipeline and Youth Legal System

Delvin Davis (2024). Southern Poverty Law Center.

Setting: United States

Examines racial disparities, financial costs and the experiences of children in Florida's school-to-prison pipeline and youth legal system.

Evidence limits

The reviewed material is the organization's summary, not a full independent appraisal of the underlying report. Advocacy framing and descriptive evidence should not be presented as a causal clinical estimate.

Review and provenance

Reviewed: Original organization's indexed release and report description; direct retrieval returned 403.

Source note: Juveniiles in prison.

Link access check (28 October 2026): Access blocked (403).

Open source publication