

SUFFERING IN THE SHADOWS: THE IMPACT OF DRUG-RELATED INCARCERATION ON FAMILY MEMBERS

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This event will have interpretation in English & Spanish

The impact of incarceration on family members and children has received insufficient attention. Research carried out by CWS and the NNAPES Platform in Latin America reveals both the astonishingly high numbers of children of parents incarcerated for drug-related reasons and the negative impact on their lives, including in terms of increased poverty, violence, stigma and discrimination, and difficulties in school. In these circumstances too, women bear a disproportionate burden, often the sole providers for their families and supporters of their incarcerated partners through visits and the provision of food and other supplies. This CND side-event will highlight the lived experiences of family members of people in prison and proposals for alternative approaches.

Speakers:

Opening remarks: Amb. Luis Javier Campuzano Piña, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the International Organizations in Vienna

- **Andrea Casamento**, RIMUF, ACIFAD and the UN Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Torture, Argentina
- **Lucia Alvarado**, Centro de Atención Integral de Familiares con Personas Privadas de la Libertad (CAIFAM), Mexico
- **Cruz Alexandra Jiménez Sierra**, 13 years old, NNAPES, Proyecto CAMINANTE, Dominican Republic
- **Manuel Fleitas**, 16 years old, NNAPES, Gurises Unidos, Uruguay

Moderator: Coletta Youngers, Senior Fellow, WOLA



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