Luciano Cadoni – CWS/Plataforma NNAPEs
National Conference on Children with Incarcerated Parents
Starting Point (Driver for Collaboration)

- CRC Day of general discussion.

- First Study produced by community based children rights organizations working with Children and Youth in different Latin American and the Caribbean countries. "We looked inside".

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COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
30 SEPTEMBER 2011
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON
“CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS”

1. BACKGROUND

1. The annual Days of General Discussion of the Committee on the Rights of the Child seek to foster a deeper understanding of the contents and implications of the Convention as they relate to specific articles or topics. On 30 September 2011, the Committee devoted its Day of General Discussion (DGD) to the topic of: “Children of incarcerated parents” and sought to raise awareness about and explore child rights issues related to children of incarcerated parents. It also aimed to provide policy and practical guidance to States and other relevant actors on the respect, promotion and fulfilment of the rights of children in such situations.
Collaborations: Models - The idea of collaboration

**Plataforma NNAPEs**

- **US Organizations** with experience on the issue.
- **US Embassies** Support for Exchanges
- **Local Governments Institutions**

**OAS**
- IACHR
- Children’s Institute
- Women’s Commission

**Committee on the Rights of the Child and Child Rights Connect**

**Thematic approach to the issue.**
Positive Outcomes - What were the results?

Plataforma NNAPEs

Knowledge acquired (ie - Inclusion of the Caregiver perspective).

US Organizations with experience on the issue.

Youth Exchanges

Awareness Raising Video

US Embassies Support for Exchanges

NRCCFI Manual redesigned

Local Advocacy

Round Tables and Working groups formed (Arg, Bra, Uru)

Inclusion in Programs (DR)

Support for Activities (Chile – Panama)

OAS

- IACHR – Included issue in last 3 reports.
- Children’s Institute – Signing of agreement
- Women’s Commission – Inclusion of the perspective

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 Accountability Advocacy Event Exploring General Comment

Research on War on Drugs and COIP.
Future Women, Migration / Gangs in Central America.

Theme:

- Approaches to the issue.
Challenges

- **Child Protection** authorities should include this in their agenda as a cross cutting or as a single issue. Not a prison issue (only).
- **Collect, maintain** and make available **records** of the number of children of incarcerated parents.
- Encourage and promote **communication and coordination** within government offices and between governments and national human rights institutions and civil society.
- The **sentence** imposed on the adult **should not impact the lives of the children** and their families.
- Make their **voices heard**.