JewishCare

Contact Information

For all information about JewishCare's Prison Outreach program call FirstCall JewishCare **1300 133 660** and ask for Prison Outreach or email **firstcall@jewishcare.com.au** 7 days a week 9am - 10pm or email **prisonoutreach@jewishcare.com.au**

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JewishCare provides

- Services for vulnerable children and families
- Mental health services
- Community aged care for older people living in their own homes
- Services for people with disabilities

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Providing a link to Jewish prisoners and their families

how we can help

Supporting Jewish Inmates

Jewish people are not immune from making the wrong choices and ending up in prison.

Jewish inmates often feel vulnerable and isolated in the prison system.

It is a community responsibility to support Jewish inmates and to help reintegrate them back into the community once they are released.

JewishCare is often the only community contact for vulnerable and isolated Jewish prisoners.

What is JewishCare's Prison Outreach program?

The Prison Outreach Program aims to reduce feelings of isolation experienced by inmates and their families and to foster a sense of connection with the Jewish community.

What does the program offer to inmates?

- Visiting and supporting inmates by a Prison Outreach worker
- Casework, advocacy and counselling
- Liaison with Department of Corrective Services staff regarding social and cultural needs
- Sending Jewish holiday food parcels
- Liaison with chaplaincy services regarding religious needs
- Regular delivery of the Australian Jewish News newspaper
- Regular visits by dedicated volunteers
- Support to families of inmates
- Post release support

What is the Community Supporter program?

This program provides Jewish inmates in NSW Correctional Centres with an ongoing link to the Jewish community. This is achieved through one-on-one contact visits and correspondence between a Jewish volunteer from the community, and a Jewish inmate.

To be involved in this program, volunteers will need a non-judgmental outlook, clear boundaries and a positive attitude.

They will need to make a commitment to undertake fortnightly to monthly prison visits or maintain correspondence with their inmate for a period of at least one year.