

Abstract

Imprisonment of mothers with children

The content of this thesis is to present the issue of the realization of imprisonment of mothers who serve their sentences together with their children in specialised section of the penitentiary facility in Světlá nad Sázavou and to place it in the context of the custodial sentence of women's prisoners in general on the one hand and the issue of children of imprisoned parents on the other.

The aim of this thesis is to provide the readers with a clear and comprehensive view of the issue, to present the current situation and to anchor it in the context not only of the legal regulation, but also in the social and psychological context. At the same time, it also provides practical perspectives on the issue as seen by some judges, prosecutors and, above all, social workers working in the prison.

In the first chapter of the thesis, the international legal background that influences the issue of women and mothers serving sentences is presented, followed by the Czech legislation on which the entire existence of the specialised section for mothers with children is based. The second chapter, which is the most comprehensive, provides an extensive overview of the section itself, which, after introductory words, presents the Světlá nad Sázavou prison as a whole. The ward is put into the context of other specialised divisions and the main differences that distinguish it most from standard wards are described. The work also focuses on the daily routine or the appearance and equipment of the rooms available to mothers with their children. The second chapter also includes the work of non-governmental non-profit organisations whose activities affect either the specialised section itself or the families of convicts in general. At the end of the second chapter, the lower recidivism rate associated with the specialised section is discussed, the aim of this sub-chapter being to try to provide an objective view of the lower recidivism rate. The third chapter then discusses in detail the questionnaire survey conducted by the author of the thesis among district court judges and prosecutors.

At the end of the thesis, in the fourth chapter, not only is the issue summarized, but also possible directions of development that this institute could take are outlined, and these *de lege ferenda* considerations are put in the context of the findings that the author of the thesis has reached.

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