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Maria Montessori Institute’s outreach project, Born Inside, aims to help “break the cycle” for the babies of mothers with a custodial sentence

David Cameron has called for an urgent rethink of the “absolutely terrible” fate of infants and their mothers who are kept behind bars whilst serving jail terms. The importance of the early years for building a foundation of trust through the mother and baby relationship cannot be underestimated.

For a number of years the Maria Montessori Institute has been working with mothers and babies in prison through an initiative called Born Inside, the aim of which is to support the development of the babies and in turn help mothers to bond with their children. In strengthening this bond, there is a benefit for both babies and mothers and a chance that the cycle of reoffending may be broken.

On leaving the mother and baby units many have written grateful letters saying that the Born Inside project has changed their lives for the better and that the support they received has created a better foundation for their future.

The Born Inside project is based on the Maria Montessori Institute’s AMI Assistants to Infancy Course and the Aid to Life initiative (Aidtolife.org), which offers clear, simple, straightforward advice for parents that is easy to understand and apply.

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