

# **Funded Partnership Initiative**

### **Contact Coordination and Support Service**

The Contact Coordination and Support Service (CC&SS) is a service provided under the Offenders' Children and Family stream of the Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI).

This service aims to assist people to maintain contact with a loved one in custody through advocacy, advice and practical support. The following services are available:

#### **Travel and Accommodation assistance**

- ✓ Brokerage to support contact visits including in custody face-to-face visits or accompanying an inmate on day or weekend release
- ✓ Eligibility:
  - Must be a member of the inmate's immediate family, support network, friend or have a kinship relationship
  - Must be over 18 years of age
  - Children under 18 years accompanied by a family member/carer
  - On a low income such as Centrelink or are experiencing financial hardship
  - Live a significant distance from the Correctional Centre e.g., over 100km
  - Has a family member in a NSW correctional facility whose sentence is at least 6 months
  - Elderly visitors and clients with a disability visiting a local Correctional Centre where public transport is unavailable
  - Have not claimed assistance for a visit in the last 12 weeks.

#### Family case work

✓ Support, information and counselling for families of prisoners in NSW

#### Telephone information and referral

✓ Specialist information for anyone affected by the criminal justice system, including prisoners, people on release from prison and family, friends and service provides.

## How can family and friends access these services?

Contact: Community Restorative Centre (CRC)

Telephone: 02 9288 8700

Website: <u>www.crcnsw.org.au</u>

For more information you can visit the FPI

intranet page: FPI Intranet