

## OMBUDSMAN FOR CHILDREN-

### PROTECTION, MONITORING AND PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

#### Who is responsible?

- Police force**
- COPING recommendations c
  - Advocating at expert meetings a3
  - Individual cases a2

- System of justice**  
(the ministry, State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia, Judicial Academy, Croatian Bar Association)
- COPING recommendations c
  - Memorandum of cooperation between the ministry, Ombudsman for Children and NGO RODA-Parents in Action a2

- Prison System Directorate**
- COPING recommendations c
  - Individual cases a2
  - Visiting area b3
  - Staff education b2
  - Parenting programs b3
  - Activities for children and prisoners b2
  - Opening towards NGOs b3

- Social care system**
- COPING recommendations b2
  - Programs of support b1

- Health care system**  
(the ministry, Croatian Medical Association, Croatian National Institute of Public Health, Croatian Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of the Croatian Medical Association)
- COPING recommendations b2

- NGO**
- Encouraging inclusion b3

- Practitioners(professionals)**
- Presentations/workshops for students a3
  - Presentations about children's rights and vulnerable groups a2

- Schools and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports**
- COPING recommendations a2
  - A webinar and lectures/workshops b1

- Parents in prison**
- During visitations a3
  - After media releases a3
  - After the delivery of the Proceedings a2
  - Individual cases a3

- Caregivers**
- After media releases a3
  - Individual cases a3

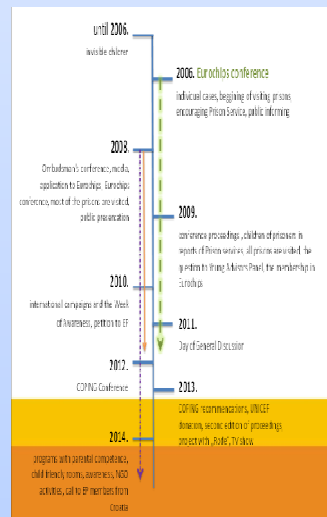
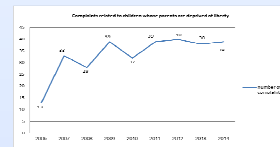
- Children (unaffected)**
- Workshops and surveys a3

- Creators of the politics**
- Identify children of prisoners as a vulnerable group in strategies and plans b1

- Public/media**
- After media releases a2
  - Expert meetings and presentations a3

**LEGEND of the reactions to the activities of the Ombudsman for Children**

Time:	Degree of the interest:
a - immediately	1 - low
b - delayed	2 - moderately
c - never	3 - high



## PROJECT: ma#me – in cooperation with the Ombudsman for Children



### Motivating and Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers' Empowerment in Labour, Family and Society

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<p><b>Prison Reading Program</b></p> <p>Children whose mothers are serving prison sentences will receive 150 picture books and books with a CD recording of their mother reading that story out loud to them.</p>	<p><b>Financing Travel Expenses</b></p> <p>Co-financing for travel expenses of children travelling to visit their incarcerated mothers in Požega will be secured for 2015, and we expect that this will increase the number of visits three-fold.</p>	<p><b>Student Scholarships</b></p> <p>Five students from the University of Zagreb have been awarded 150 EUR scholarships for papers they have written on topics relating to the rights of children and their incarcerated parents. These papers were presented to the public in January 2015 at the Office of the Ombudswoman for Children.</p>	<p><b>Stories of Former Prisoners</b></p> <p>Ten former prisoners who served their sentences while they had underaged children or were incarcerated with their babies in prison have told their stories, which have been published in a book with 500 copies printed and distributed.</p>	<p><b>Social Innovation Bars are not Barriers</b></p> <p>This innovation was awarded the prize for Best Social Innovation in Croatia - financing travel expenses for children to visit their mothers in prison through the sale of products made by the prisoners themselves.</p>
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**About RODA**

RODA was founded in 2001 and is active in the Republic of Croatia through a developed network of projects and activities that are carried out by the organisation's more than 250 volunteer members. RODA's mission is to change society into a society that acts responsibly towards children, parents, future parents and families – through information, education, active lobbying and inclusion in the processes of change, as well as encouraging parents and other societal groups to question the status quo and be part of change.