

Strengthening the Bond: Creating a better future for prisoners, their children and families

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- ***“I wish I could hug my Dad”***
- ***“I wish we could play outside together”***
- ***“I wish I could call my Dad when I want”***

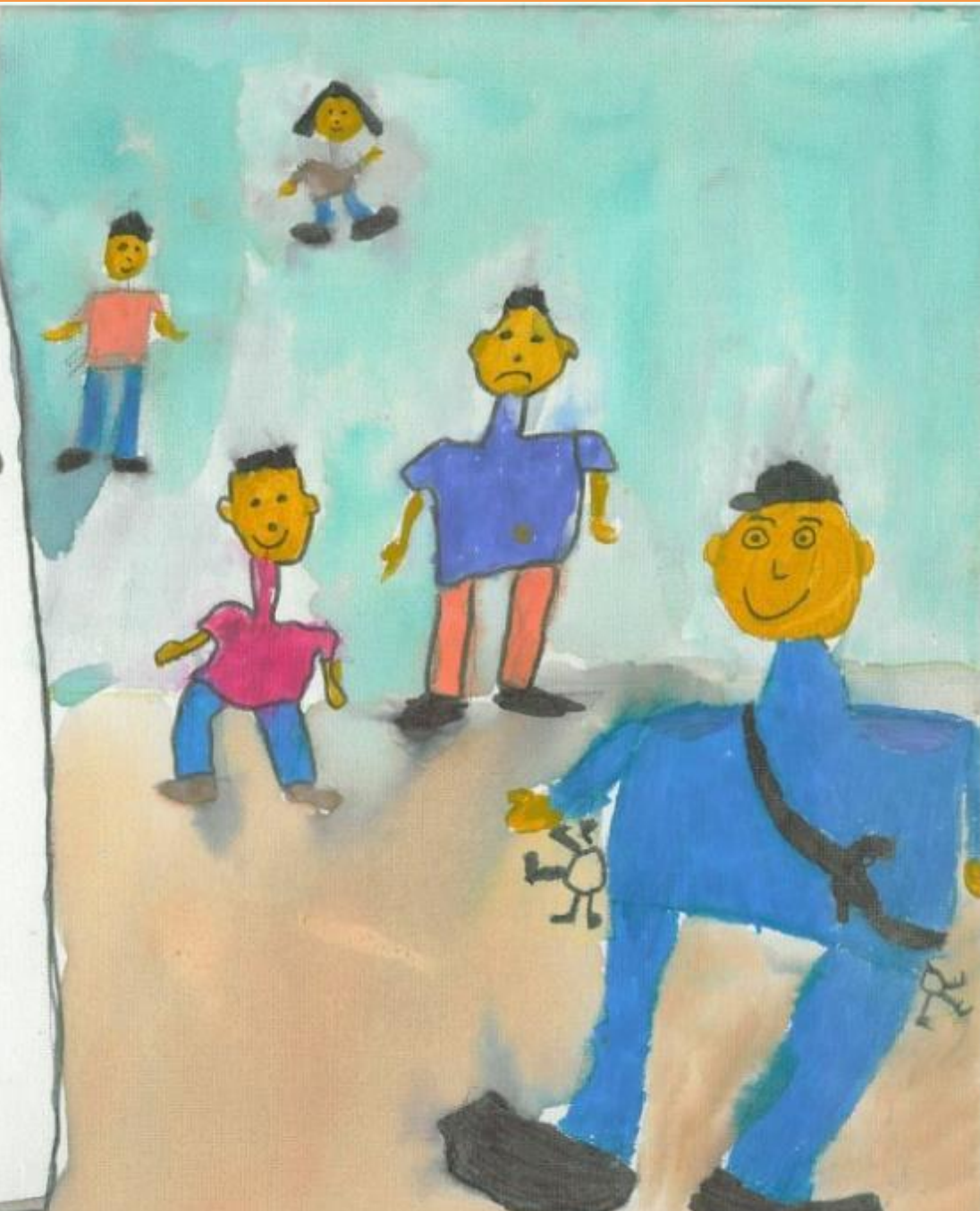
Rights of the Child - UNCRC

- the right to be **free from discrimination**, including where such discrimination might be consequences of the status and actions of their parents (Art.2);
- protection of the **best interest of the child** (Art. 3);
- the right to have **direct and frequent contact with parents** from whom the child is separated (Art. 9);
- the right of the child to **express his or her views** and to be heard in matters affecting their situation (Art. 12);
- the child's right to **protection of their family life and their privacy** (Art.16).
- the right of the child to **protection from any physical or psychological harm or violence** (Art. 19)



Rachelle, 9



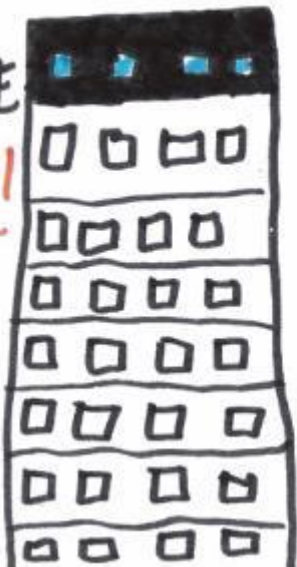




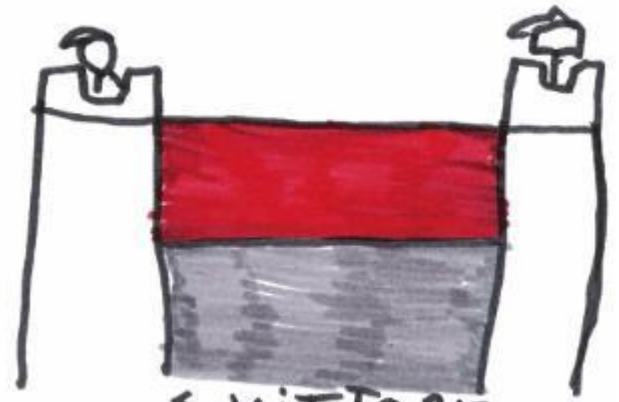


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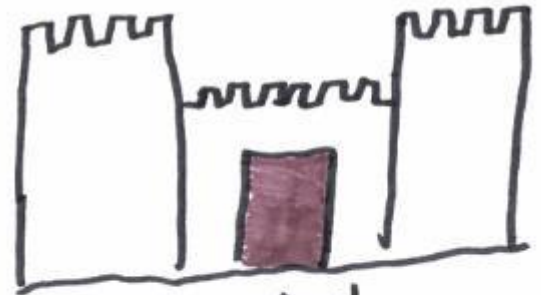
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“The big wall scares me”
Jophy, 7 years old

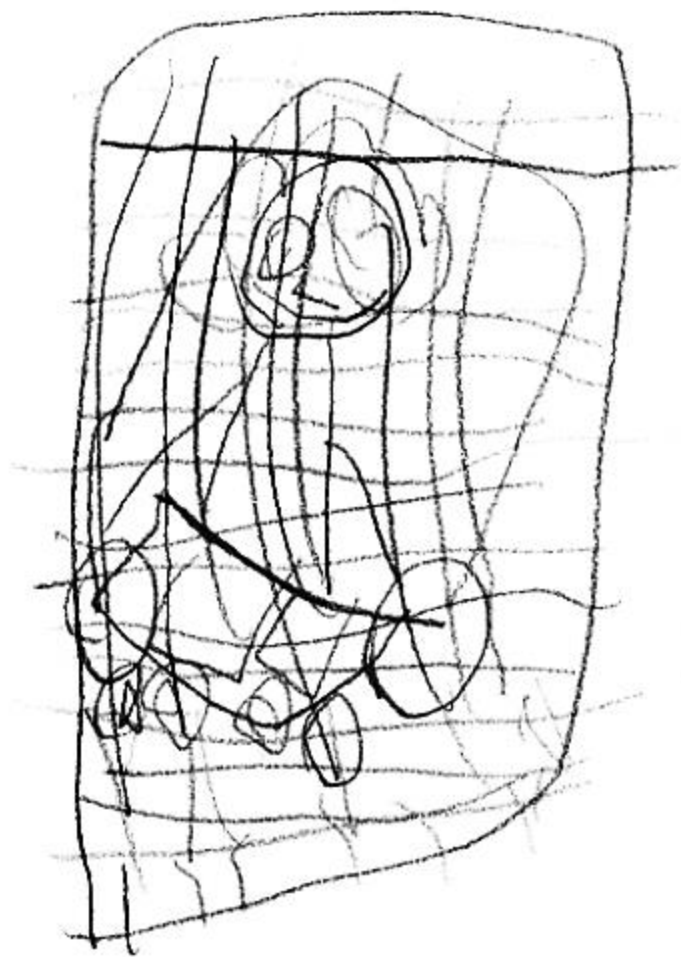
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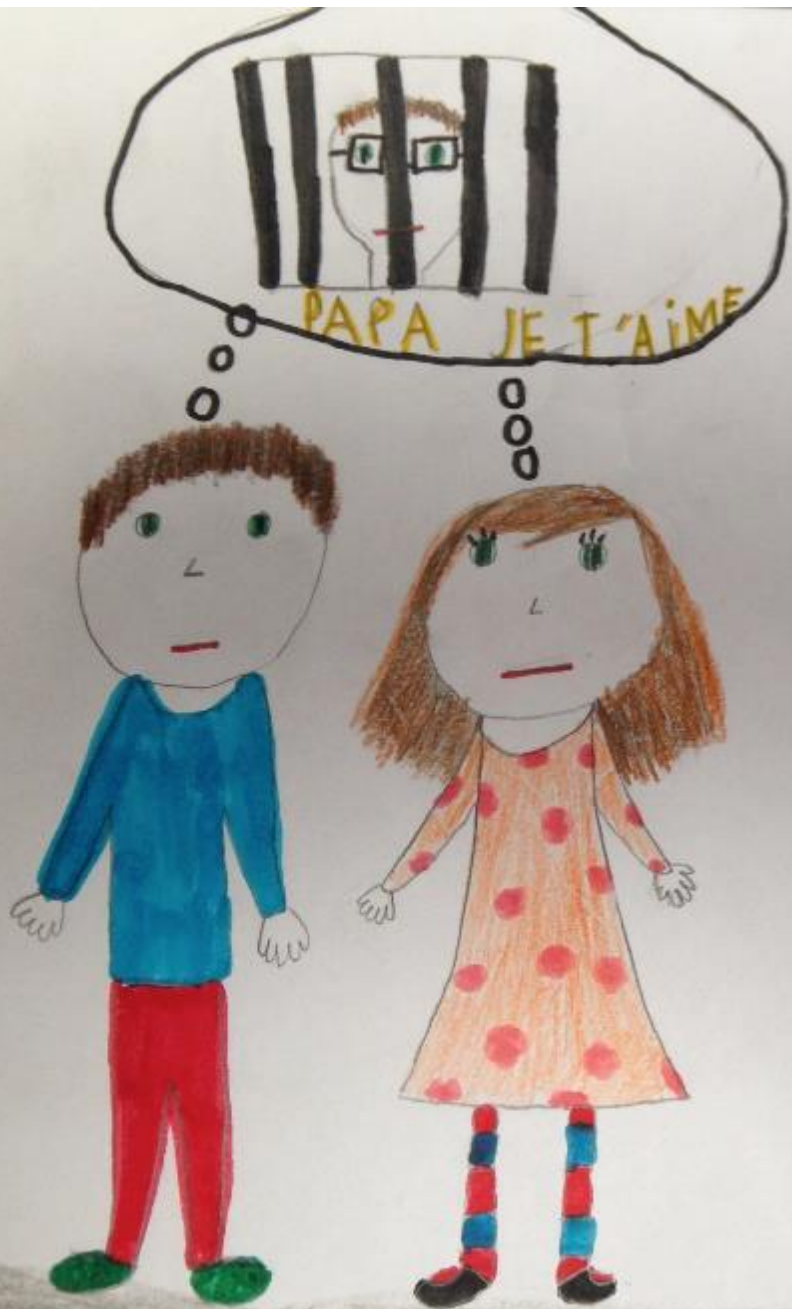


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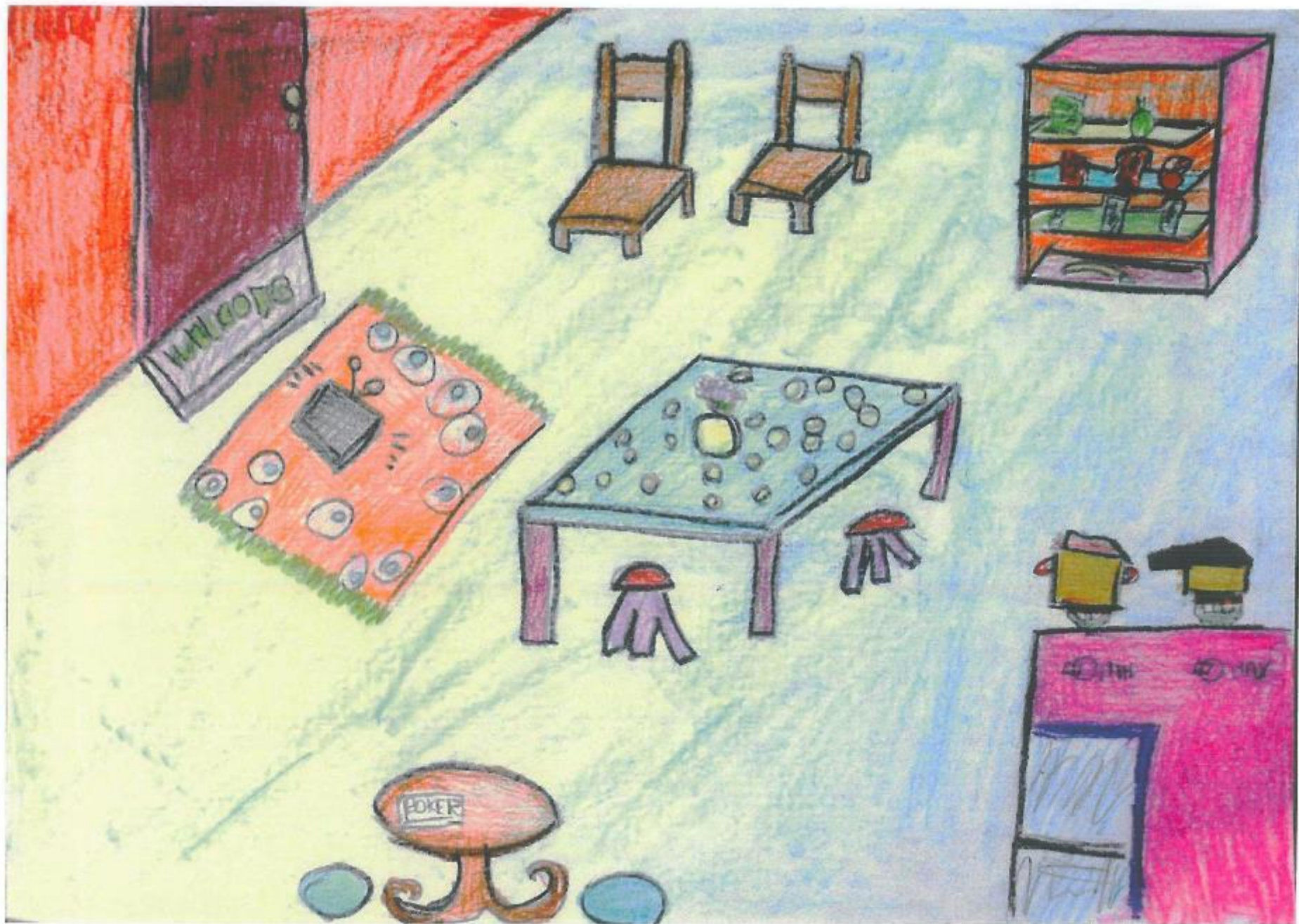






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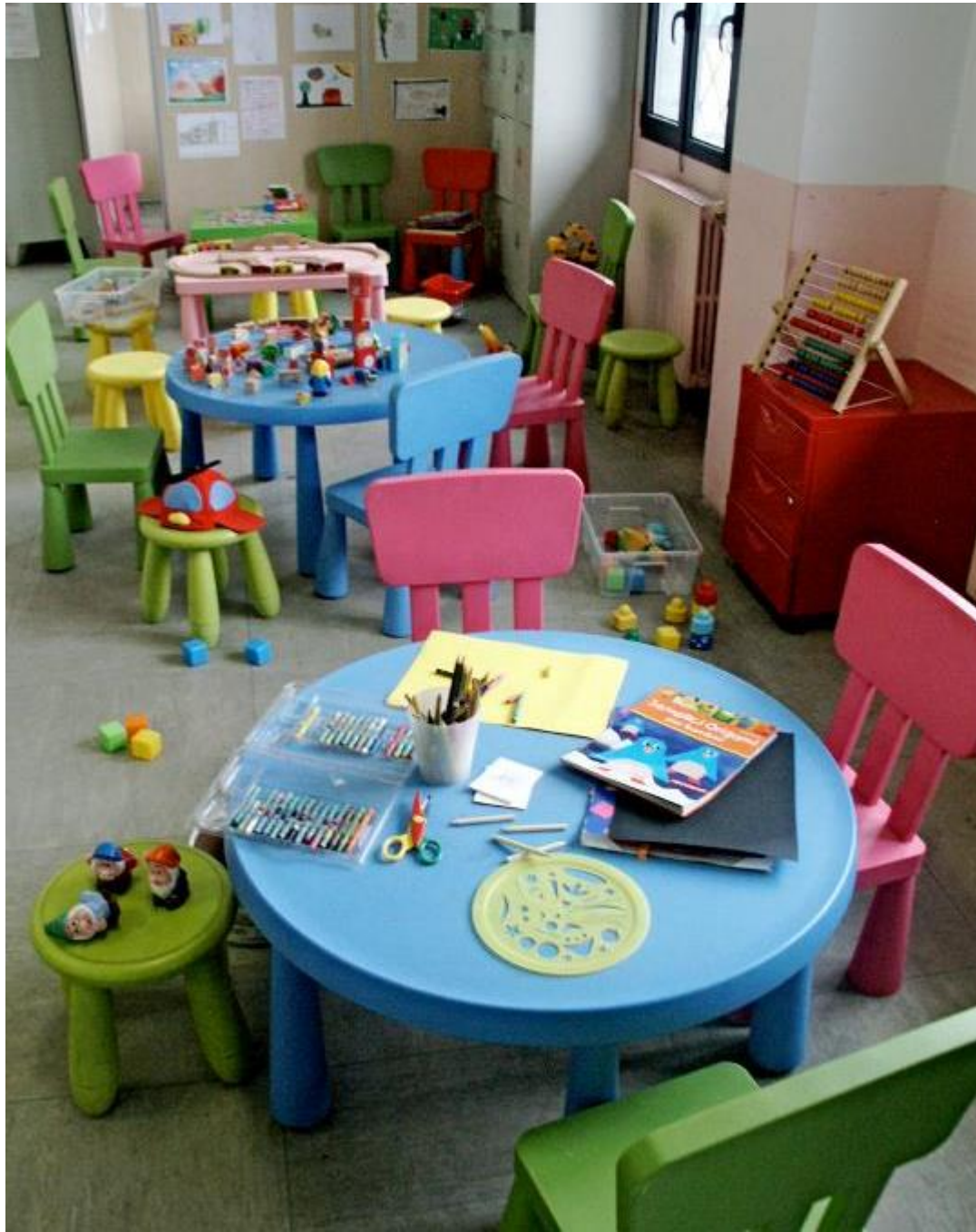




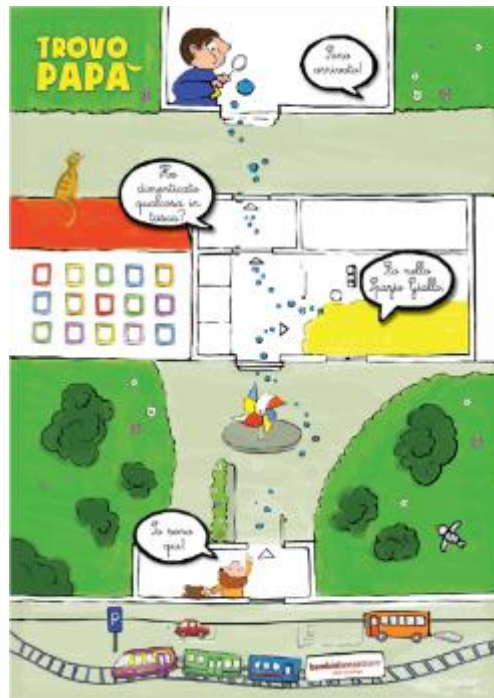


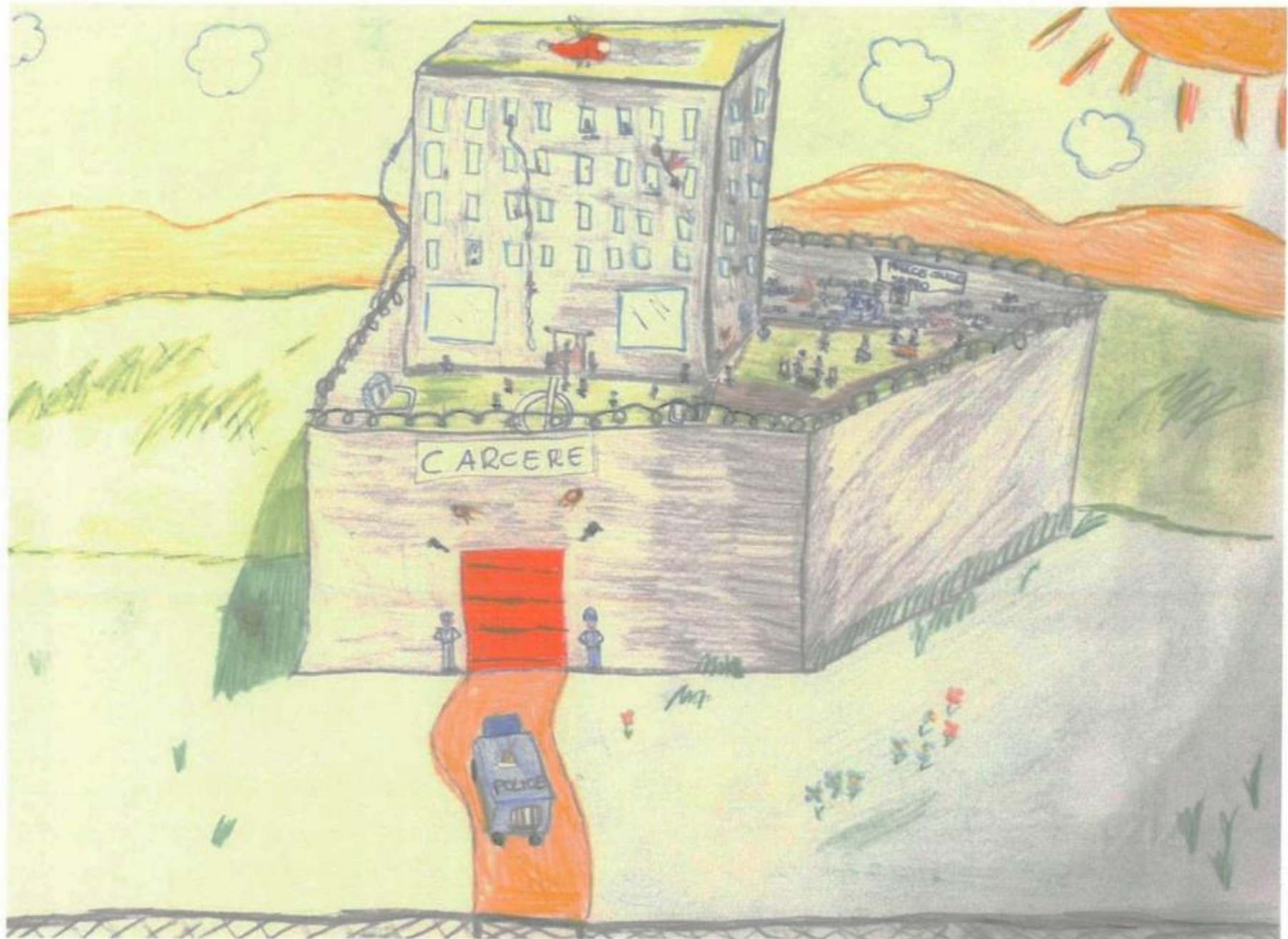


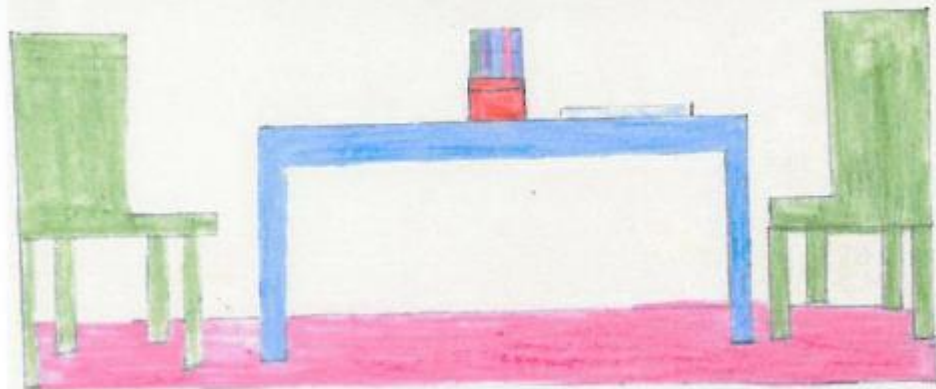
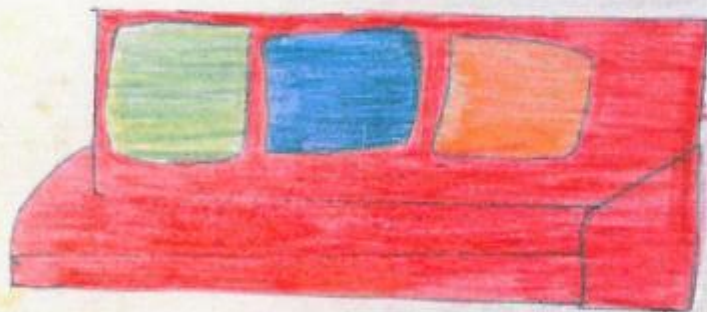
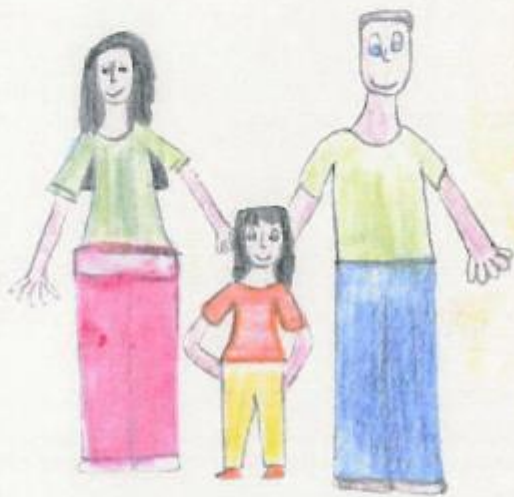


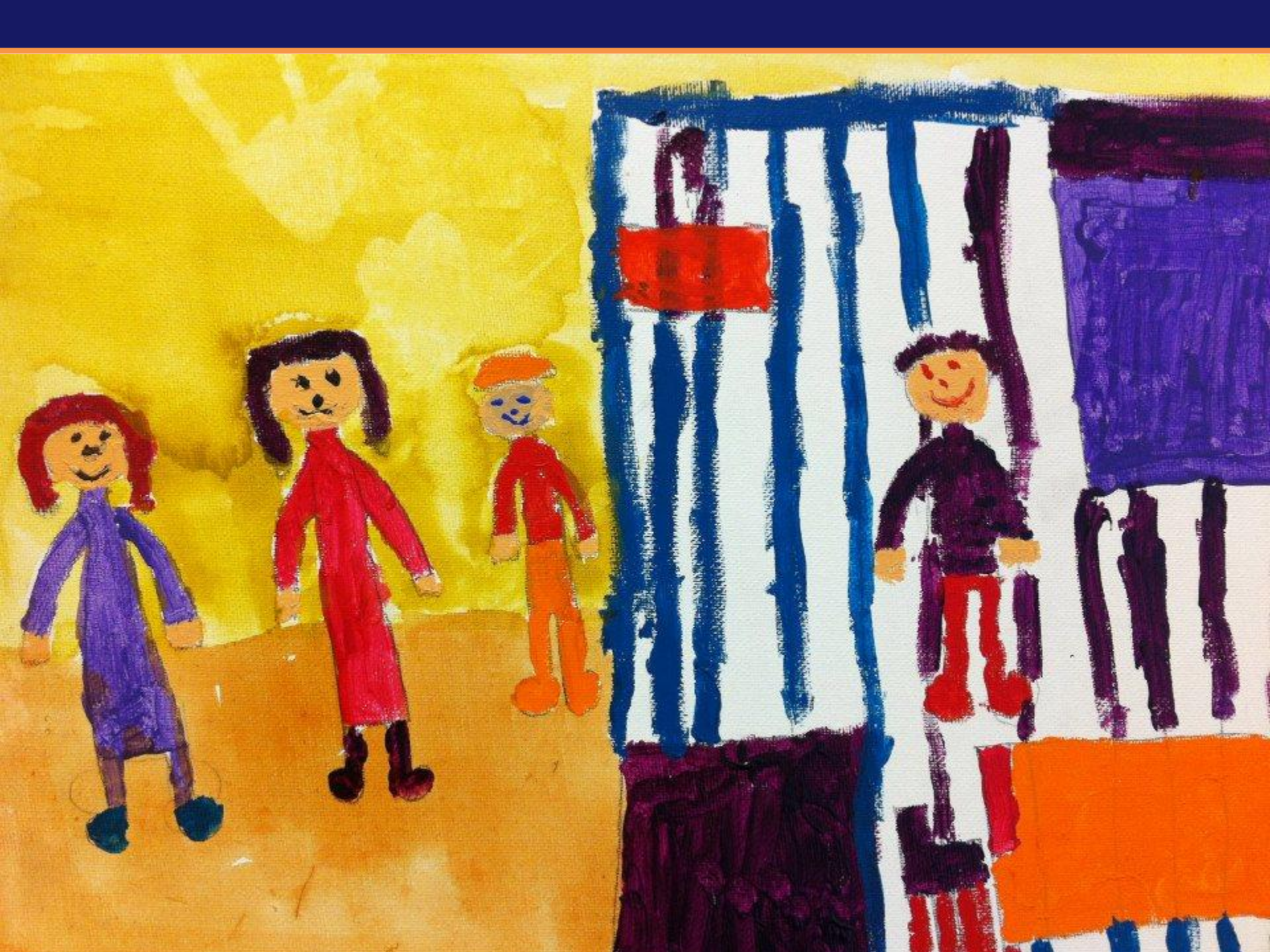


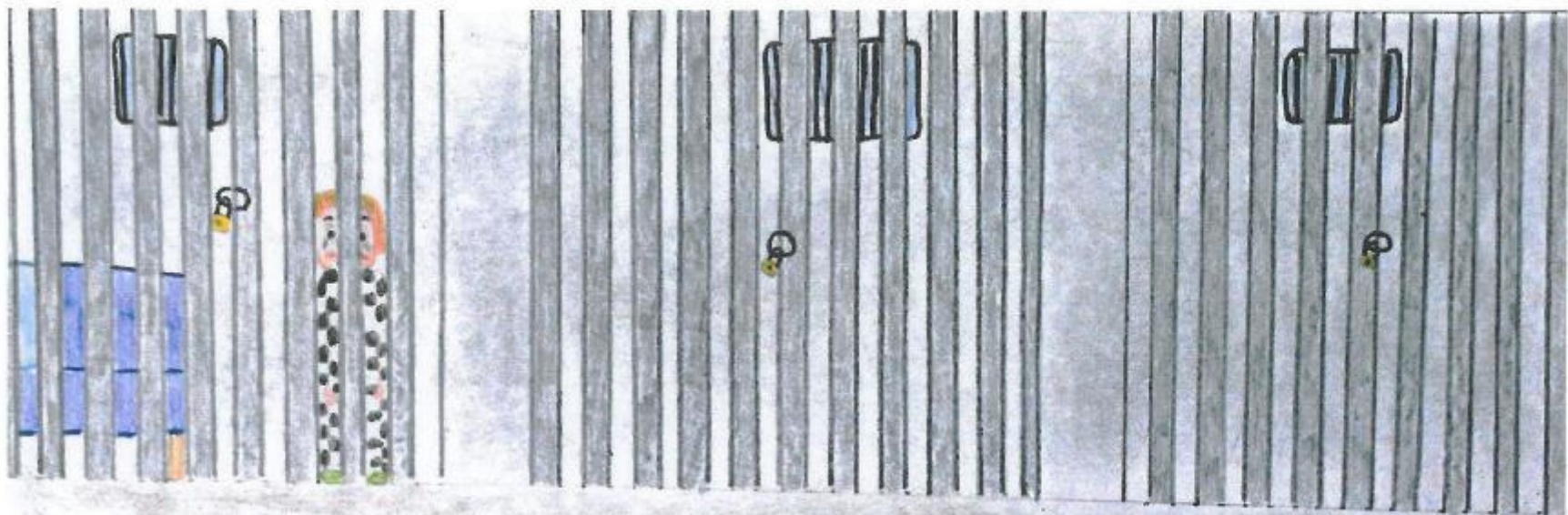


















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“When Dad comes home everything will be resolved and the road will become straight again”
Dylan, 11 years old

DYLAN NICOLA
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Italian Memorandum of Understanding

- Signed by the Italian Minister of Justice, The National Ombudsman for Childhood & Bambinisenzasbarre
- Takes account of the best interest of the child and articles have to be implemented according to the scope of the responsible bodies:
- **Art.1:** decisions and practices concerning judicial orders, judgments and sentences: when a child is involved, Judges are invited to give alternative sentences to avoid prison.
- **Art.2:** minors' visits to prisons & the importance of welcoming children (such as the Spazio Giallo) in accordance with best practice

- **Art.4: the training** of Prison staff and Juvenile Justice operators:
- **Art.5: information**, assistance and instruction for minor children of imprisoned parents
- **Art.6:** the **collection of data** on imprisoned parents' children, in order to improve reception and visits to prisons,
- **Art.8:** establishment of a **permanent Working Group**, constituted by representatives of the three undersigning parties, which will periodically monitor the implementing of the points set out in the Charter, so as to follow the development of the national situation, promoting the cooperation of statutory and non-statutory agencies and encourages the exchange of good practice on the national and international level.



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