

PRISON PROJECT and ALTERNATIVE CENTRE TO DETENTION

In the 1979 a group of Villa Maraini social workers and volunteers started to organize supporting groups inside prisons in Rome.

Groups are aimed to:

- support detainees to cope with problems related to various addictions (drug, alcohol, gambling, etc)
- meet prisoners who are eligible for alternative measures to detention, facilitating the referral to the Alternative Centre to Detention of Villa Maraini.

In Villa Maraini:

- Office opened every day from 9:00 to 20:00
- Counselling service opened on Wednesday and Friday from 14:00 to 20:00
- Lawyer available for legal counselling on Tuesday from 14:00 to 17:00

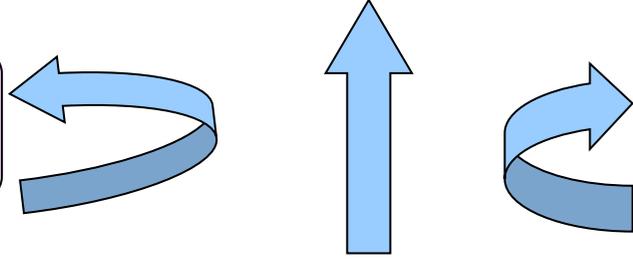
Activities of the Prison project:

- Answer to letters from prisoners
- Groups inside the jail (5 groups a week)
- Meeting with people in house arrest
- Psychological support for family and partners
- Legal assistance with a lawyer
- Support to detainees involvement in the therapeutic programme

**Therapeutic
Community
(semi-residential)**

**Alternative Centre
to Detention
(full residential)**

**Orientation
Centre**

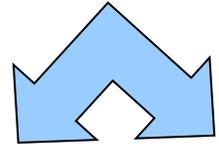


**Letters from
prison**

Prison Project

**Group inside
prisons**

**Psychological
and legal
support to
family and
partners**



ALTERNATIVE CENTRE TO DETENTION

- ❖ This service offers assistance to drug addicted inmates sent by magistrates to follow a therapeutic programme as alternative measure to detention.
- ❖ The first period is aimed at personal knowledge, assessment of the person's motivation and observation of relational dynamics. A personal psychologist is assigned to each client and an individual therapeutic project is set, based on the specific needs and resources of the patient.
- ❖ The group becomes the key element of the daily life and various ergo-therapy, recreational and socializing activities are included in the therapeutic process, as well as the gradual increase of responsibilities in the management of various tasks.
- ❖ In addition, the family is also involved in the therapeutic programme.

Work activities:

- restructuring and maintenance of the Foundation's internal and external spaces;
- maintenance and cultivation of the garden;
- maintenance and cleaning of the park;
- participation to various projects and vocational courses of other organizations

Re-socializing activities:

- cultural visits;
- excursions;
- sport activities