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Reflection on the experiences of maternity in Brazilian prisons and consequences to children development

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In the perception of common sense, punishments should legitimize the practices of corporal punishment, torture and death. However, this perspective of justice is in opposition to all the fundamental individual and collective guarantees conquered in human history. The Brazilian prison system is precarious which makes it difficult to enforce these rights, even more, if related to the incarceration of pregnant women. There is a strong disinterest in this kind of incarceration, in which it runs from the figure of the mother condemned to the baby and this will possibly have repercussions in the development of this child. This critical-reflective study brings the discussion about the aspects of motherhood during the imprisonment; the one that has simultaneously the incarceration of the child. This article, through arguments derived from scholarly articles, instigates us to explore this issue forcefully in order to sensitize and reflect on the experiences of motherhood during seclusion and the possible consequences for the development of the child. This gestation will occur in an environment of imprisonment that weakens family ties, in which there is continuous exposure to diseases and violence and physical and sensorial limitation for these children, which, although the relationship between mother and child is indispensable for the affective and children's psychosocial issues will also have repercussions on this development.

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