

## The Fatherhood Experience of Convict Fathers in Prison who had Convicted Criminal Fathers during Childhood

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The following summary presents qualitative research on convicted criminal fathers whose own fathers served a prison sentence during their childhood. The research examines the subjective perspective of convicted fathers on current and future fatherhood experiences.

The interviews were conducted while the interviewees were serving a prison sentence and in light of their own parent having served a prison sentence during the interviewee's childhood. The research focuses on their current parenthood experience while serving their prison sentence, in comparison to the future experience they are striving for and examines their practical parenthood experience in comparison to the experience they strive for in the future. The research also focuses on the interviewee's perspective on their fathers' parenthood experience compared to their own experience with reference to their status as convicted criminals and the repetition of their fathers' crime and imprisonment cycle.

The innovation of this research is represented by the focus on the fatherhood experience of this specific population, as well as the expansion and enrichment of the existing research on the experience of fatherhood with a focus on the issue of inter-generational transmission of criminality and the correlation between the two. The implications of the results of this research are varied and significant in terms of the way convict parents who had convict fathers during their childhood are treated and also in the intervention and treatment of the children of convicts. The results of the research can form the initial basis of intervention with convict fathers that are children of convict fathers.

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