

Chapter 6

Social work and prisons

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Chapter summary

This chapter explores the use of imprisonment in Australia and the demographics of the prisoner population, and overviews the use of a holistic critical social work approach to working with people in prison and post-release settings. The philosophical and social justifications for imprisonment are examined, as are the legislative frameworks in which social workers are required to operate. Particular attention is paid to working with people living with complex disadvantage in the criminal justice context, and the challenges – both pragmatic and ethical – for social work practice that this brings.

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