

Opvang teruggekeerde kinderen in Denemarken

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We tried extensively to avoid an immediate separation when the first group of Danish children and mothers returned. We had, together with Save the children Denmark and another organisation for Children, advocated for “surrogate imprisonment”, where the children are placed in a facility/institution with their mother, rather than separated. We also held a long series of meetings with the Danish authorities and the children’s relatives to ensure that the children were not removed immediately. Unfortunately these efforts did not succeed. The children were separated from their mothers upon arrival and taken to cabins or institutions with their close relatives while they were being physically and psychologically assessed. During this time, they had 24hour care personnel available and their families were present to slowly get to know the children.

Today the Danish children are placed in care with their relatives, all are adapting well over the past year and they get to see their mothers in prison once or twice a week