VALUES OF MOTHERS SERVING PRISON SENTENCES WITH THEIR CHILD

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The poster concerns the values of women prisoners rising their children in a prison, in particular the value assigned to the role of the mother. The question is whether the women inmates take their motherly responsibilities for love or for because they expect a more lenient treatment or have better conditions of serving a sentence. Considerable part of society have doubts about the true motherly love of women inmates.

The study was performed with the use of the Questionnaire PVQ-R3, which is a modified version of the classical model of values, measured by the Questionnaire PVQ, proposed by Schwartz and coworkers (Schwartz et al., 2012). The study was performed on a group of 25 women serving sentences at the Home for Mother and Child at Prison no. 1 in Grudziądz (Poland).

The values closest to the mothers serving sentences with children include benevolence. According to Schwartz it is taking care of close persons, family members, group of friends. A little closer was benevolence in the dimension of care (BEC) understood as the care for the good of other members of the group than benevolence in the dimension of dependability (BED) means being a dependable and reliable member of the group. The most distant values in the group studied were the power over individuals in the sense of control of other people and power over resources in the sense of control over material and human resources.