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Mom: Having my daughter in prison motivated me

By [Tracy Murphy](#)
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What happens to children brought up behind bars? Anael Revil not only delivered her baby in prison, but she also raised her there. She served seven years in Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for drug dealing charges. Anael was released eight months ago and is living in transitional housing with her 2-year-old daughter Rayne. Anael is looking for a job now and wants to go back to college and become a social worker. HLN's Christi Paul spoke with her about life outside of prison with her daughter and how having Rayne behind bars changed her life for the better.

Tomorrow we'll look at grandmothers behind bars. We'll meet Barbara Joly. She is in her 70's and robbed banks to get money for her son. Barbara's story was profiled in a series of stories on [Cincinnati.com](#) nearly two years ago. Should Barbara be let out early because of her age? Tweet your thoughts with the [#RaisingAmerica](#) hashtag or leave your thoughts on [Facebook.com](#). And watch [Raising America](#) Wednesday at 12 p.m. ET on HLN to hear her story.

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Harriet Foster · Top Commenter

Don't understand what being in prison means anymore. U give up all your rights when u break the law. Having sex and giving birth in prison is ridiculous and its at our expense. People outside of prison want Children but can't afford them. What is this saying to law-abiding hardworking people. Our nation has no commonsense.

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Aimee Sanchez · South Houston High School

My mothers neighbour is working part time and averaging \$9000 a month. I'm a single mum and just got my first paycheck for \$6546! I still can't believe it. I tried it out cause I got really desperate and now I couldn't be happier. Heres what I do,... www.Wiki34.co!!

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Joanne NunyaBeeswax · Top Commenter

Do you know how easy it is to land in prison? People break on average 10 laws a day any of witch can land you in jail. Prison is supposed to be about rehabilitation not punishment. Harriet you have no common sense. Do you want someone that's been just shoved into a cage for years getting angrier and angrier released then living next door to you? Or someone that was given the skills to manage there life after incarceration? You lack critical thinking skills with your pitch fork mentality!

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Donna Mason · Top Commenter · Fostoria

I don't understand this either. Many hard working mothers would love to have the opportunity to have 3 meals a day with their children but are unable to, do to the fact that they are forced to work. Seems like if your in prison you have it better than the law abiding citizens. Lets see between the birth, medical care, dental, food, housing, clothing, furniture and extra space required to give these woman a room with their child I can only imagine the expense of the taxpayers. If only all us law abiding citizens could take our children to the doctor or dentist, provide them with a home big enough to have their own room, feed them 3 meals a day and to have the unlimited time with their mother, this upsets me to no end! Perhaps, they should place these children for adoption and reduce costs yet provide many with children they are unable to conceive.

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Joanne NunyaBeeswax · Top Commenter

Perhaps get some critical thinking skills and think how this child's like would be in foster care. Prison is about rehabilitation and learning the skills to make it on the outside. Donna they also have the Family reunion program in New York where married couples or other family members spend 44 hours together in a small trailer on prison grounds. This reduces recidivism!

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