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The Effects of Parents' Incarceration on Children at Hlaneki Village in Greater Giyani Municipality

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ABSTRACT The study assessed the effects of parents' incarceration on the well-being of children at Hlaneki village, Mopani district of Limpopo province, South Africa. Qualitative method was employed for the study and six participants were selected using snowballing sampling. Data were collected through semi-structured face to face interviews. The findings indicate that children of incarcerated parents are faced with physical, emotional, financial and psychological challenges in the absence of their parents. In the absence of their parents, children of incarcerated parents have become delinquents and are abusing drugs and alcohol among other substances. The study recommends that the government of South Africa come up with grants to safeguard the welfare of children of incarcerated parents. Furthermore, it is recommended that law makers come with policies which protect children from abuse by school authorities as well as by members of the greater society.