

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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**Current position or function:** President of the *Asociación Civil de Familiares de Detenidos* - ACIFAD - (Civil Association of Relatives of Detainees). Director of the Department of Access to Rights for Detained Persons and their Families (DADEDYF), the Ministry of Social Development of the Municipality of Morón, Province of Buenos Aires.

**Main professional activities:** Executive member of the Regional Platform for the Defense of Children and Adolescents with incarcerated referents (NNAPES). Director of the Department of Access to Rights for Detained Persons and their Families (DADEDYF), Municipality of Morón. President of the Civil Association of Relatives of Detainees (ACIFAD). Founder of the International Network of Organizations of persons deprived of liberty's Relatives. Responsible for the agreement and implementation of the Articular Program dependent on the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina. Responsible for the agreement and implementation of the Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture of the Province of Buenos Aires's Torture Complaint Point Program.

**Academic titles:** Theology (Argentine Catholic University, incomplete). Other studies: since 2004 I have been participating in national and international courses, workshops, congresses and seminars related to prison issues, promotion and protection of Human Rights.

**Other main activities in the field related to the corresponding body:** Coordinator of workshops on the prevention of torture, and defense tools in human rights for relatives of persons deprived of liberty and community organizations. Participation as a speaker in international meetings on relatives of persons deprived of liberty and in particular on the role of family women. Working shops with the Inter-American Commission of Women and with the UN Women Commission on the Juridical and Social Status of Women. Speaker at conferences on the creation and implementation of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture, Argentina.

**Most recent publications in this field:** Collaborator in the investigation *Beyond Prison: paternity, maternity and childhood through confinement*, published by the National Penitentiary Office, 2019.

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