An Introduction to the NRCJIW

National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women

What do we know about justice involved women?

- In 2009, there were @ 1.27 million women under correctional supervision (17% of all offenders):
  - > 200,000 adult women in federal, state and local institutions
  - 957,600 adult women on probation
  - 94,000 adult women on parole
What do we know about justice involved women?

- In 2009, 25% of all arrests were women.
- Women’s incarceration rates are increasing at a much faster rate than men’s.
- From a 2002 study, almost 58% of women were rearrested in three years; almost 40% were reconvicted and 17.3% were returned with a new sentence.

What do we know about justice involved women?

- Justice involved women are different from men:
  - Pathways to crime
  - More likely to have committed drug and property, rather than violent offenses
  - Lower risk
  - Needs and history (trauma, children, poverty, substance abuse)
The National Resource Center (NRCJIW) was recently established by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in partnership with the National Institute of Corrections.

The NRCJIW will advance evidence-based, gender-responsive policies and practices for all women involved in the justice system. 

Ultimately, with the aim of reducing recidivism and improving the outcomes of women involved in the justice system.

The National Resource Center is administered by the Center for Effective Public Policy (www.cepp.com) and its partners:

- CORE Associates (http://coreassociates.org)
- Orbis Partners (www.orbispartners.com)
- The National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (www.samhsa.gov/nctic)
- The Moss Group (www.mossgroup.us)
- University of Cincinnati, School of Criminal Justice (http://www.cech.uc.edu/criminaljustice)
- Women’s Prison Association (www.wpaonline.org)
The Resource Center’s Mission

Provide guidance and support to criminal justice professionals who work with justice-involved women.

- Promote the safety of the public, justice-involved women, and the professionals who work with them
- Synthesize and disseminate evidence-based and gender-responsive research and knowledge
- Promote the implementation of innovative, evidence-based and gender-responsive approaches that build on women’s strengths and address their risks and needs
- Promote gender-informed policy and management practices that have systemic impact and improve outcomes
- Highlight critical issues confronting this population
- Build a community of professionals to encourage the exchange of ideas and information and advance gender-informed practices nationally

Audience

Those working with justice involved women, including:

- Criminal Justice Stakeholders
  - Law Enforcement
  - Courts
  - State and Local Corrections
  - Community Corrections and Supervision
- State and Local Government Officials
- Service Providers
Primary Activities

- Targeted Technical Assistance
- Training and Webinars on Key Topics
- Centralized referral for evidence-based, gender-responsive research, knowledge and resources
- Policy and Practice Briefs
- Professional Network

See our website at:

www.cjinvolvedwomen.org

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