



**Achieving More Effective Outcomes with Women in Jails:
A Summit to Identify Strategies to Build and Expand
Gender Responsive Approaches that Work**

**hosted by the National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women¹
and the American Jail Association
Washington, DC
October 16-17, 2014**

AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

8:00–8:30 a.m. Arrival and Check-in

**8:30–9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
Overview of the Summit Goals and Agenda**

*Denise O'Donnell, Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department
of Justice, Office of Justice Programs*

Jamie Clayton, President, American Jail Association

*Becki Ney, Principal, Center for Effective Public Policy and NRCJIW Project
Director*

9:15–10:00 a.m. Plenary: Setting the Stage: What Do We Know About Women in Jails?

This session will set the stage for discussions throughout the Summit. Research and statistics regarding justice involved women, how they differ from men, their unique pathways to criminal behavior, the gaps in knowledge and practice, and the impact of their criminal behavior on the community will be presented, along with the AJA survey results that identify the most pressing issues in managing women from a jail practitioner perspective.

*Maureen Buell, Correctional Program Specialist, National Institute of Corrections
Stevyn Fogg, Senior Manager, Center for Effective Public Policy*

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10:00–10:15 a.m.

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10:15–11:00 a.m.

Plenary: The Nexus of Jail Culture, Operational Practices and Trauma-Informed Care

This session will focus on some of the critical operational issues of concern regarding managing women in jails. Some of the issues that will be discussed include: the importance of a positive facility culture, the use of restraints, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) implementation, discipline and sanctions, and overcrowding.

Andie Moss, President, The Moss Group

Dr. Joan Gillece, Director of SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma Informed Care

Responder: Regina Gilmore

11:00–11:30 a.m.

Discussion Session #1: Culture, Operational Practice and Trauma-Informed Care

Ms. Ney will lead the group in a discussion to identify potential action steps that jail practitioners can take to address gaps and challenges in the management of women inmates.

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (*on your own*)

1:00–1:45 p.m.

Plenary: The Unmet Promise of Pretrial Assessment, Release and Referral

This session will focus on the needs and circumstances of women defendants upon arrest and detention in jails, pretrial assessment, connecting women to community resources, considerations for women who remain in jail due to inability to pay low bond amounts, and impacts on children.

Dr. Patricia Van Voorhis, Professor Emerita, University of Cincinnati

Responder: Jane Klekamp

1:45–2:15 p.m.

Discussion Session #2: Identifying Key Strategies to Address Pretrial Issues

Ms. Ney will lead the group in a discussion to identify potential action steps that jail practitioners can take to address gaps and challenges in pretrial.

2:15–3:00 p.m.

Plenary: The Benefits and Challenges of Implementing Gender Responsive Assessment and Classification

This session will review the research findings regarding evidence-based, gender responsive assessment and classification and their implications for jail settings.

Dr. Patricia Van Voorhis

Responder: Terrie McDermott, Director of Criminal Justice Initiatives, Salina & Associates, Inc.

3:00–3:15 p.m.

BREAK

3:15–3:45 p.m.

Discussion Session #3: Assessment and Classification

Ms. Ney will lead the group in a discussion to identify potential action steps that jail practitioners can take to address gaps and challenges in assessment and classification.

3:45–4:30 p.m.

Plenary: Improving Programs and Services for Women in Jails

This session will review the research findings, challenges and gaps regarding evidence-based, gender responsive jail-based programs and services for justice involved women, and highlight a few innovative programs and services.

Terrie McDermott, Director of Criminal Justice Initiatives, Salina & Associates, Inc.

Dr. Doreen Salina, President/Director of Clinical Services, Salina & Associates, Inc.

Dr. Carolyn Sufrin, Assistant Professor, Department of Ob/Gyn at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

4:30–5:00 p.m.

Discussion Session #4: Identifying Key Strategies to Improve Gender Responsive Programming and Services for Women in Jails

Ms. Ney will lead the group in a discussion to identify potential action steps that jail practitioners can take to address gaps and challenges in programs and services.

5:00–5:15 p.m.

Summary Conclusions for the Day

Ms. Ney will provide closing remarks for the day and summarize consensus points and/or areas of for further consideration.

5:15 p.m.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

8:30–8:45 a.m. Overview of the Day

Ms. Ney will provide an overview of the day and highlight any residual issues from Day 1 that should also be addressed.

8:45–9:30 a.m. Plenary: Reentry Considerations for Women Leaving Jails

*Jesse Jannetta, Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute
Responder: Georgia Lerner, Executive Director, New York Women’s Prison Association*

9:30–10:00 a.m. Discussion Session #5: Reentry Considerations

Ms. Ney will lead the group in a discussion to identify potential action steps that jail practitioners can take to address gaps and challenges in transition and reentry from jails.

10:00–10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15-11:00 a.m. Discussion: Topic Review and Recommendations

This session is intended to provide an overview and summary of the action steps and issues identified during the Summit, and serves as a “placeholder” to address any additional important topics that may not have been addressed to this point.

11:00–11:40 a.m. Discussion: Developing the Action Agenda and Dissemination Strategies

Ms. Ney will lead the group in a discussion of the written brief: content, format, specific recommendations, audience, etc. as well as key strategies for disseminating the brief when completed.

11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Evaluation

Ms. Ney and Ms. Clayton will provide closing remarks. Summit participants will be asked to complete a brief meeting evaluation before departing.

12:00 p.m. ADJOURN

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