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Welcome

Achieving More Effective Outcomes with Women in Jails Summit

October 16-17, 2014

National Resource Center 
on Justice Involved Women

A project of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections



National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women (NRCJIW)

- Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in partnership with the National Institute of Corrections.
- Administered by the Center for Effective Public Policy in partnership with Orbis Partners, University of Cincinnati, Women's Prison Association, CORE Associates, The Moss Group and SAMHSA's National Center on Trauma-Informed Care.
- ***Primary Goal: Provide resources and tools to professionals to equip them to be more successful in their work with justice-involved women.***

NRCJIW

The NRCJIW has focused its resources on:

- **Building awareness** about the issues facing justice-involved women
- **Acting as a clearinghouse** of information and resources for professionals working with justice-involved women
- **Advocating for the expansion of GR approaches** in criminal justice settings (the development and use of EB, GR tools and programs, women-only research and evaluation efforts)
- **Supporting the professional development (and specialized training)** of staff working with justice-involved women
- **Identifying/addressing gaps in knowledge**
 - Synthesize and adapt for practical application

Background

Why focus on women in jails?

- The number of women in jails is increasing
 - Women are about 14% of the total jail population nationally
 - @ 102, 000 women in jails in 2013 (BJS, 2013)
 - 3,096 counties/3,163 jail facilities (AJA, 2007)
- We are more knowledgeable about women who become involved in criminal justice and “what works” to reduce their recidivism
 - How can we apply what we know to jail settings?
- The unique nature of jails
 - The opportunity for assessment and referral to services
 - Impact on families, children and communities
 - The opportunity to intervene and impact further criminal justice involvement

Background

A Key Question:

- What can the NRCJIW do that would be of assistance to jail practitioners?
 - To gain a greater understanding of their strengths and challenges with respect to managing women inmates
 - To increase their awareness about the issues facing justice-involved women
 - To enhance their knowledge, skills and expertise working with women
 - To expand the use of GR approaches, policies, tools and practices

The Summit

- Partnership with the American Jail Association
- Bring together a smart group of people
 - Tap into their knowledge, experiences, and expertise with managing women in jails
 - Help us think about strategies that can be applied in jail settings to enhance EBP, GR and TIC
- Focus on some critical areas of interest
- Develop/disseminate an “Action Agenda”
 - Make follow up TTA available

The Summit

Expectations and Process

- Results-driven day and a half
- Interactive and participatory
- Topics selected from among those identified in jail survey, NRCJIW areas of interest, “impact” areas
- Short plenaries that highlight issues and summarize knowledge, research, innovations
- Plenaries followed by responders and full group discussion
 - Implications
 - Practical strategies

The Summit Agenda at a Glance

DAY 1, OCTOBER 16TH

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| 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Arrival and Check-in |
| 8:30-9:15 a.m. | Welcome and Introduction Review Goals and Agenda |
| 9:15-10:00 a.m. | Setting the Stage |
| 10:00-10:15 a.m. | BREAK |
| 10:15-11:00 a.m. | Culture, Operational Practices and TIC |
| 11:00-11:30 a.m. | Discussion Session #1 |
| 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 1:00-1:45 p.m. | Pretrial |
| 1:45-2:15 p.m. | Discussion Session #2 |
| 2:15-3:00 p.m. | Assessment & Classification |
| 3:00-3:15 p.m. | BREAK |
| 3:15-3:45 p.m. | Discussion Session #3 |
| 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Programs and Services |
| 4:30-5:00 p.m. | Discussion Session #4 |
| 5:00-5:15 p.m. | Closing Remarks |
| 5:15 p.m. | Adjourn |
| DINNER ON YOUR OWN | |

DAY 2, OCTOBER 17TH

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| 8:30-8:45 a.m. | Overview of the Day |
| 8:45--9:30 a.m. | Reentry |
| 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Discussion Session #5 |
| 10:00-10:15 a.m. | BREAK |
| 10:15-11:00 a.m. | Topic Review and Recommendations |
| 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. | Discussion: Developing the Action Agenda/Dissemination Strategies |
| 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Closing Remarks Evaluation |
| 12:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

Discussion Sessions

- What are two or three key findings or lessons learned in this area that are important for jails to know about?
- What are the implications for enhancing gender responsive approaches in this topical area for jails?
- How does this translate to specific strategies, or action steps, that jails can take to become more gender responsive with respect to this topical area?

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Welcome!!

- Thank you for what you do
- AJA's Proud Partnerships
 - National Resource Center on Justice-Involved Women
 - Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - National Institute of Corrections
 - Center for Effective Public Policy
- Gender Responsiveness – compelling issue in the field

As a Practitioner

- 29 years
- Academy
- Men's jail
- Properly prepared to “effectively” deal with women offenders
- Why are women offenders' needs different?
- Unique hurdles to reintegration

The Shift: It All Became Clear





Women's Center

- Active volunteer
- Same issues
- Same stories
- Little to no empathy from community
- Survey

New Department

- Women locked in the back
- Forgotten about
- Equal access
- Equal housing opportunities

