

New Resources

WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL SAFETY SCALES (WCSS)

The WCSS is a rigorously validated survey designed to assess safety in women's correctional facilities across multiple dimensions. It measures detained and sentenced women's perceptions of safety and gives policy makers a **baseline** for understanding how safe women feel across a variety of dimensions.

EFFECTIVE CASE PLANNING AND SUPERVISION OF JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN

This 2-course series with practical applications in case planning and supervision of women on probation and parole.

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Progress

The past two decades have been an exciting time in women's services with new research, improved practices, and an emerging recognition that the differences presented by women contributes to their justice involvement. The rising rates of women in our justice systems have seen exponential growth over the past 2 decades and women, once a population deemed too small to address have turned into a challenge for correctional administrators. Research has identified areas that are either unique to or occur with greater frequency and duration with women and left unaddressed, may increase her likelihood of justice involvement. NIC continues a commitment of providing research-based and gender-informed services and support to the field to improve outcomes in the management of justice involved women.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance (TA) is offered to organizations and agencies interested in improving outcomes for justice involved women and is offered across the correctional continuum (pre-trial, jails, prisons, probation, parole, and community-based programs). The TA can cover a broad range of identified needs from operational issues, to programming, to policy development, and can also support implementation of these policies and procedures.

<https://nicic.gov/how-can-we-help>

Justice Involved Women's Initiative

Improving Outcomes With Women



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Training Programs

SAFETY MATTERS: MANAGING RELATIONSHIPS IN WOMEN'S FACILITIES

Understanding PREA implementation in women's facilities and explore key dynamics and behaviors of women's relationships and their implications on operational practice.

WORKING WITH JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN

This is a 5 part e-learning course covering all major areas of learning about justice involved women.

WOMEN OFFENDERS: DEVELOPING AN AGENCY-WIDE APPROACH

How to use evidence-based, gender-informed research to make policy-driven systematic changes to improve outcomes for women offenders.

For information on this course only contact:
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BEING GENDER RESPONSIVE: EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF WOMEN'S PRISONS

How to address the unique needs of women in correctional settings.

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Models of Gender-Informed Practice

COLLABORATIVE CASEWORK - WOMEN (CCW-W)

The CCW-W merges evidence-based, gender-informed research to enhance outcomes with justice involved women. The team focused process can begin at sentencing, continues through community supervision, and focuses on risk, need, and strengths with the active participation of the women.

GENDER-INFORMED PRACTICES ASSESSMENT (GIPA)

The GIPA provides agency and prison leadership with a measured assessment of their delivery of sound principles of evidence-based, gender-informed research policy, programming, and practices.

GENDER-RESPONSIVE POLICY AND PRACTICES ASSESSMENT (GRPPA)

A self-directed template developed to guide an agency's internal assessment of current evidence-based, gender-informed policies, programs, and practices in jails, prisons, probation, parole, and community-based residential programs.

WOMEN'S RISK AND NEED ASSESSMENTS (WRNA)

The WRNA are gender-informed, researched based assessment and classification instruments that assess risk, need and strength factors across the correctional continuum specific to women.

Additional Resources

GENDER RESPONSIVE BULLETIN SERIES:

- No Place for Youth: Girls in the Adult Justice System
- Pregnancy and Child-Related Legal and Policy Issues Concerning Justice-Involved Women
- Employment and Female Offenders: An Update of the Empirical Research
- Facility Planning to Meet the Needs of Female Inmates
- Gender-Responsive Policy Development in Corrections: What we Know and Roadmaps for Change
- A Summary of Research, Practice, and Guiding Principles for Women Offenders

HEALTH, JUSTICE, AND WOMEN: TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS - CHANGING LIVES [BROADCAST]

HEALTH, JUSTICE, AND WOMEN: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OB/GYN [BROADCAST]

GENDER-RESPONSIVE STRATEGIES: RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS [DOCUMENT]

Go to <https://nicic.gov/justice-involved-women> and look at additional information specific to women in criminal justice systems.