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AIMS AND SCOPE OF ADVANCING CORRECTIONS

ICPA believes that development of a professional and humane corrections should be grounded in evidence. Respect for evidence is a hallmark of ICPA. But evidence is of little value unless it is understood and put into action. Our semi-annual Journal, *Advancing Corrections*, intends to fill the need for researchers to speak more clearly to practitioners and practitioners to speak in a more evidence-informed way to their colleagues. We provide a forum for both researchers and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines (criminal justice, education, psychology, sociology, political science, economics, public health, and social work) to publish papers that examine issues from a unique, interdisciplinary, and global perspective. Your paper could be an evidence-informed discussion of an important correctional issue, an overview of new research findings and their implications for practice, a description of an innovative program or approach, or an informed commentary on some aspect of managing a key issue in corrections.

The Journal invites submission of papers that can be digested and appreciated by practitioners, managers, policy-makers, academics, and other correctional professionals. Authors are welcomed to submit papers for one of three sections of the Journal:

- *Featured Research Articles* should be more research oriented and scholarly, including the usual practice of referencing the relevant literature.
- *Views and Reviews* are shorter and thoughtful discussions of relevant or emerging issues/topics.
- *Practice Innovation in Corrections* aims to profile what is going on in a given agency/jurisdiction that is especially innovative and can be of interest broadly to others.

THEME FOR THE 19TH EDITION: “EXCELLENCE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND PRACTICE”

It has been nearly 40 years since the adoption of the *United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (“The Beijing Rules”)* and nearly 35 years since the adoption of the *United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of Their Liberty*

(“*The Havana Rules*”). The general principles, fundamental perspectives, and Rules set forth in these seminal documents recognize the distinct differences between juveniles and adults and thus advocate for a more developmental and rehabilitative approach. Recent advances in neuroscience further substantiate the need for such an approach when working with children and youth who come into contact with the justice system. This research reveals that adolescence (extending from 10 to 25 years of age) is a period marked by susceptibility to peer influences, impulsivity, and an inability to consider long term consequences of behaviour. This same research reveals that adolescence is the second greatest period of neuroplasticity, a period where young people can grow and change given the right conditions.¹

The Beijing and Havana Rules fundamentally promote the physical and mental well-being of juveniles and the protection of their rights and safety. In this special issue, we want to profile how jurisdictions from around the world have sought to align with these perspectives and apply the Rules delineated in these influential publications from initial contact with the juvenile justice system to community reintegration. Our aim is to highlight evidence and practice-informed discussions of what is working with juveniles, both in custody and community settings, and especially welcoming papers looking at:

- **Classification and placement** – What advances have been made in the classification and placement of juveniles and in the assessment of needs, risks, and responsivity factors to inform individualized responses (i.e., level of service, types of programs and services, determination and type of placement, length of stay, etc.)?
- **Physical environment and accommodation** – How has the design and the physical environment of detention facilities for juveniles evolved over the past four decades? What does research say about the impact of these changes?
- **Education, vocational training, and work** – What advances have been made in the types of educational, vocational training, and paid employment opportunities available to juveniles both while in detention and in transition services in the community? How has technology enhanced the provision of these services?
- **Medical and behavioural health care** – Especially research which supports the enhancement of medical care for juveniles while in detention and the provision of comprehensive behavioural health care including the identification and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders and the continuity of care upon release?
- **Contacts with the wider community (family engagement and interagency collaboration)** – What programs, services, and/or strategies are being employed by justice agencies and in collaboration with nongovernmental organizations to help maintain and strengthen family relationships, including relationships between teen parents and their young children?

¹ Steinberg, L. (2014). *Age of opportunity: Lessons from the new science of adolescence*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

- **Limitations of physical restraint and the use of force** – What strategies have been employed to reduce the use of physical restraint and the use of force by juvenile justice agencies? Is there evidence that demonstrates the effectiveness of these strategies in preventing juvenile self-injury, injuries to others (youth, staff, visitors), or serious destruction of property?
- **Disciplinary procedures** – What evidence-based positive behaviour interventions and supports have been implemented to facilitate pro social skill development, incentivize good behaviour, and minimize disruptive conduct? Is there evidence that demonstrates the effectiveness of these approaches?
- **Recruitment, development, and retention of qualified personnel** – What strategies are being utilized to recruit, prepare, and retain qualified personnel to work with juveniles who are justice involved? What efforts are being made to improve culture in juvenile justice agencies and to what end? Given the stressful nature of the work, what efforts are being made to address and enhance officer/youth care worker wellness? Is there evidence that demonstrates the effectiveness of the strategies and efforts?
- **Return to the community** – What arrangements, services, and/or strategies are being employed by justice agencies to assist juveniles in returning to society, family life, education, or employment after release? What agencies and/or nongovernmental organizations are justice agencies collaborating with to support the transition and reentry process? Is there evidence that demonstrates the effectiveness of these arrangements, services, and/or strategies in facilitating reentry and reducing recidivism?
- **Impact of the *Beijing Rules and Havana Rules*** – What broad impacts have the *Beijing Rules and Havana Rules* had in United Nations Member States including in relation to the implementation of policies, legislation, and legal frameworks that support a more humane juvenile justice?
- Any other innovation which illustrates a purposeful strategy for developing juvenile-centred practice in corrections.

Before submitting your manuscript, we ask that you please provide a succinct summary of how your paper will specifically relate to the overall Theme of the Edition or any particular sub-theme. Your manuscript may not be accepted without this.

HOW SHOULD YOU SUBMIT YOUR PAPER?

Manuscripts should follow the *Guidelines for Authors* for the Journal. Suggested page length is from 7 to 15 pages (about 2,000 to 5,000 word-count), although lengthier research-oriented manuscripts or reviews may be considered based on merit. Whenever appropriate, papers should include referencing of other related scholarly work, though it is emphasized that *Advancing Corrections* is not intended as an academic publication. Papers should be respectful of evidence but they should be written in a way that appeals to practitioners. Manuscripts

should be submitted electronically to **Frank Porporino**, Ph.D., Chair of the ICPA Research and Development Network and Editor of *Advancing Corrections* (fporporino@rogers.com). A copy should also be forwarded to the ICPA Membership Liaison and Project Support Officer, **Ilinca Cojocaru** at the ICPA Head Office (ilincacojocaru@icpa.org).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR PAPER?

Advancing Corrections has an international Editorial Review Board and submitted papers **will undergo a formal and rigorous 'peer review' process** where each submission is reviewed by at least two members of the Editorial Board, or other individuals specifically recruited as experts for a particular thematic focus.

The Editor of *Advancing Corrections* will manage the process of selecting manuscripts for review. For this special Edition, in choosing the final set of papers to be included, the Editor will also be consulting with several key members of the ICPA Juvenile Network. Papers that may not be suitable for publication may nonetheless be posted on the ICPA Web Site or summarized in the ICPA Beyond the Wall Newsletter for the information of ICPA members.

Please note that we will not accept papers that are submitted after the deadline for a given Edition of *Advancing Corrections*.

It is policy of the Journal to encourage the use of 'humanizing' language in referring to those individuals we incarcerate or supervise in the community (e.g., refer to justice involved individuals rather than 'offenders' or 'prisoners'). We ask Authors to make use of more humanizing language throughout their manuscripts.

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