

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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### AIMS AND SCOPE OF ADVANCING CORRECTIONS

The ICPA believes that development of a professional and humane corrections should be grounded in evidence. Respect for evidence is a hallmark of the ICPA. But evidence is of little value unless it is understood and put into action. Our new semi-annual Journal *Advancing Corrections* is intended 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 want to 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 some 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 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. Another section called **Views and Reviews** welcomes shorter and thoughtful discussions of a particularly relevant or emerging issue/topic. And finally, a section we are calling **Practice Innovation in Corrections** would like to profile what is going on in a given agency/jurisdiction that is especially innovative and can be of interest broadly to others.

The Theme for the 9th Edition of *Advancing Corrections* will be on the *Treatment & Management of the Mentally Ill and Mentally Unwell in Corrections*. It is well accepted that Prisons have now become the New Asylums. In Community Corrections, dealing with the intensity and multiplicity of needs of the mentally ill has become both incredibly difficult to coordinate and exceedingly draining of resources. Correctional staff have had to become experts in working not just with criminality but with individuals suffering from a whole range of mental disorders. In this Edition, we want to hear from both researchers and practitioners about how corrections systems have *stepped up* to face this pervasive issue. We welcome both evidence and practice-informed discussions of how we can work more effectively with the mentally ill and mentally unwell within correctional settings. The focus of papers can range from:

- Quantitative or qualitative research documenting the extent of the problem of the mentally ill in corrections;
- The variety of issues faced by the mentally ill and the staff dealing with them both in prisons

and under community supervision;

- Description of innovative aspects of the mental health delivery systems in particular jurisdictions, including coordinated strategies to divert these individuals from the justice-system;
- Research on improving offender assessment procedures, case management and/or sentence planning, programming or other broader service-delivery strategies;
- Strategies for the more effective and humane management of the mentally ill (e.g., in order to avoid resorting to administrative segregation);
- Attention to correctional environment issues more generally (e.g., prison architecture) as a humane alternative for managing the mentally ill;
- Research on the impact of professional development and/or specialist training of staff;
- Any other innovation which illustrates a purposeful strategy for more humane management of the mentally ill in corrections.

In summary, what we are looking for are examples that have direct and practical application in improving corrections operations and effectiveness for dealing with the mentally ill, either in the prison or the community context.

In submitting your manuscript, we ask that you provide a succinct summary of how your paper relates to this theme. As with previous Editions of *Advancing Corrections*, preference will be given to manuscripts which show respect for evidence and where either qualitative or quantitative evaluation has been conducted.

### 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 **Dr. Frank Porporino, Ph.D.**, Chair of the ICPA Research and Development Network and Editor of *Advancing Corrections* ([fporporino@rogers.com](mailto:fporporino@rogers.com)). A copy should also be forwarded to the ICPA Communications Officer, **Aleksandar Petrov**, at the ICPA Head Office ([aleksandarpetrov@icpa.org](mailto:aleksandarpetrov@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**. The ICPA Research and Development (R&D) Network is committed to finding more and better ways of communicating research-informed knowledge to the ICPA membership. Many of the members of the group serve as reviewers of submitted manuscripts.

The Editor of *Advancing Corrections* will manage the process of selecting manuscripts for review and choosing the final set of papers to be included in the Edition. Papers that may not be suitable

for the publication may nonetheless be posted on the ICPA Web Site or included in the ICPA Newsletter for the information of ICPA members.

Please note that we will not accept papers that simply attempt to promote a particular product or market a particular method or service without supportive evidence of effectiveness. *Advancing Corrections* is not a marketing vehicle. It is a professional Journal intended to broaden our knowledge base in corrections.

If you believe that evidence and facts should be the drivers for change in corrections rather than ungrounded opinion or ideology, please make an effort to support this exciting new ICPA initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank J. Porporino', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank J. Porporino, Ph.D.

Editor *Advancing Corrections* and Chair, ICPA Research & Development Network