

**Call For Papers**

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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 17th Edition: “What Is Working With Women”**

The endorsement of the Bangkok Rules[[1]](#footnote-1) by the United Nations General Assembly in March of 2011 marked a milestone in recognition of the unique needs and circumstances of justice involved women. For many years, correctional agencies had ignored the specific needs of women, typically assuming that their service-delivery methods and approaches were adequate for both men and women. The development of women-centered services wasn’t seen as necessary or even considered as possible. Prisons, programs and policies designed for men were thought to be also good for women. The Bangkok Rules presented the rationale for a different focus and invited “*Member States to take into consideration the specific needs and realities of women as prisoners when developing relevant legislation, procedures, policies and action plans and to draw, as appropriate, on the Bangkok Rules.”* At the same time as this growing awareness of the special needs of women emerged among practitioners, a new research literature also began to document the particular *pathways into crime* for women, as well as evidence the range of vulnerabilities, needs, concerns and circumstances that would have to be addressed to support women *getting out of crime*. The depth and breadth of correctional practice for women has been re-imagined in the last decade and some incredible progress has been made worldwide since endorsement of the Bangkok Rules. We see the need to document that progress and so this 18th Edition of *Advancing Corrections* will be focused on the Theme of *What Is Working With Women*.

We want to hear from both researchers and practitioners about how they have *stepped up* to meet both the spirit and the principles and recommendations outlined in the Bangkok Rules. Our aim is to hopefully document some of the ‘best of the best’ of what is working with women, both in custody and community settings, and especially welcoming papers looking at:

* Evidence and practice-informed discussions of issues that arise in developing women-centred practice in our correctional settings;
* Quantitative or qualitative research documenting the variety of issues faced by women, and the challenges for staff dealing with them, both in prisons and under community supervision;
* Research on improving assessment procedures, case management and/or sentence planning, programming or other broad service-delivery strategies specifically designed for women;
* Description of innovative, through-the-gate service delivery systems in particular jurisdictions, including coordinated strategies for working with NGOs and other community partners;
* Application of new technology for ‘digital rehabilitation’ with women, including personal development, educational, vocational and community-facing strategies that can support reintegration;
* Strategies for maintaining family relationships for women, including innovative mother-child programs;
* Strategies for the humane management of women suffering from serious mental disorder (e.g., in order to avoid resorting to administrative segregation);
* Excellence in programming for addictions, trauma, self-harm and other psychological vulnerabilities;
* Rationale for special women-centred attention to correctional environment issues more generally and examples of new prison design and architecture for women;
* Research on the importance of professional development and/or specialist training of staff working with justice-involved women;
* Research that considers the impacts of the *Bangkok Rules*, including in relation to the implementation of gender-responsive policies, legislation, and legal frameworks that support gender-responsive corrections;
* Any other innovation which illustrates a purposeful strategy for developing women-centred practice in corrections.

In submitting your manuscript, we ask that you provide a succinct summary of how your paper relates to our Edition 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 **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**. 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. For this special Edition, in choosing the final set of papers to be included, the Editor may be consulting with several key members of the ICPA R&D Network as Associate Editors. Papers that may not be suitable for 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 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.

*Please note as well 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.*

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1. Formally known as the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders [↑](#footnote-ref-1)