CSWE Educator|Resource: A Resource Guide to Best Practices for Social Work in the (In)Justice System Adult Criminal (In)Justice System Involved Women

Adult Criminal Justice Involved Women Main Topic Key:

- Overview
- Pathways to Incarceration/Policing
- Race
- Detention
- Parenting
- Reentry
- Advocacy/System Reform

Women's Justice Involvement		
Topic(s)	Type of Resource (e.g. Film, Book, Article)	About the Resource. How to Use this Resource.
• Overview	Online Data Resource & Tools: The Sentencing Project. (2019). Incarcerated women and girls. Retrieved from: https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/incarcerated-women-and-girls	Describes trends in incarceration for women and girls over time and also documents racial/ethnic disparities
OverviewRace (History)	Book: Haley, S. (2016). No mercy here: Gender, punishment, and the making of Jim Crow modernity. UNC Press Books.	Provides late nineteenth and early twentieth century history of incarcerated Black women in the South who faced gendered racial terror and economic exploitation (as convict laborers)

OverviewPathwaysDetentionRace	Book: Richie, B. (2012). Arrested justice: Black women, violence, and America's prison nation. NYU Press.	A close examination of Black women, their experienced of violence and marginalization and risk of incarceration while highlighting powerful personal narratives
OverviewPathways	Organization: National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women (Pennsylvania) https://www.ncdbw.org/	Resources for criminalized survivors and attorneys, advocates, and other professionals supporting them
PolicingRace	Organization: African American Policy Forum (New York) http://www.aapf.org	Think tank that connects academics, activists and policymakers to promote dismantling structural inequality; focus on police violence of women; launched #SayHerName campaign
PathwaysDetentionReentry	Organization: Women and Justice Project (New York) https://womenandjusticeproject.org/	Advances the leadership and builds the power of women directly impacted by incarceration to transform the criminal legal system
PathwaysDetentionReentry	Organization: Women's Prison Association (New York) www.wpaonline.org	Service and advocacy organization committed helping women with criminal justice histories; offers alternative to incarceration program; provides services to help with housing, employment, and legal needs
PathwaysPolicingRace	Book: Ritchie, A. J. (2017). Invisible no more: Police violence against Black women and women of color. Beacon Press.	Explores how Black women, Indigenous women, and women of color experience racial profiling, police brutality, and immigration enforcement

PathwaysDetention	Film: Potash, Y. (Director) (2011) Crime after crime [Film]. Life Sentence Films.	Documentary follows the story of Debbie Peagler who was incarcerated for a domestic violence related crime, and her fight to be released
• Pathways	Academic Article: Wattanaporn, K. A., & Holtfreter, K. (2014). The impact of feminist pathways research on gender-responsive policy and practice. <i>Feminist Criminology</i> , 9, 191-207.	History and overview of research on feminist pathways to crime
Pathways	Article: Van der Leun, J. (2020, May 26) <i>The evidence against her.</i> Medium. Retrieved from: https://gen.medium.com/nikki-had-proof-shed-been-abused-but-was-it-enough-for-self-defense-bd9f196396eb	Article discusses the case of Nicole Addimando and sheds light on the intersection of domestic violence and the criminal legal system, and the prosecution of "survivor defendants"
PathwaysAdvocacy	Article: Law, V. (2019, May 21). When abuse victims commit crimes. The Atlantic, Retrieved from: https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/05/new-york-domestic-violence-sentencing/589507/	Article examines the New York Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act, a law that allows sentencing discretion for survivors of domestic violence and resentencing for survivors who are currently incarcerated
• Pathways	Organization: Women's Justice Institute (Illinois) http://womensjustice.net/	Advocacy organization promoting decarceration of women through gender responsive, traumainformed, family-centered policies and programs

• Pathways	Organization: Still She Rises (Oklahoma) https://www.stillsherises.org/	First public defender office in the country dedicated exclusively to the representation of mothers in the criminal justice system
PolicingDetention	Report: Grant, J. M., Mottet, L. A., Tanis, J., Harrison, J., Herman, J. L., & Keisling, M. (2011). Injustice at every turn: A report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey. Retrieved from: https://www.transequality.org/	A study looking at transgender individuals' experiences with policing and incarceration
• Detention	Academic Article: Jenness, V., Sexton, L., & Sumner, J. (2019). Sexual victimization against transgender women in prison: Consent and coercion in context. <i>Criminology</i> , 57, 603-631.	A study exploring transgender women's vulnerability to sexual victimization
• Detention	Online Data Resource & Tools: Kajstura, A. (2019). Women's mass incarceration: The whole pie 2019. Retrieved from: https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2019women.html	Provides data on the scale of women's incarceration, what offenses women are incarcerated for, and what types of facility women are incarcerated in
• Detention	Online Data Resource & Tools: Sawyer, W. (2018). The gender divide: Tracking women's state prison growth. Prison Policy	Provides data on growth of women's incarceration over time and on differences in female incarceration growth across states.

	Initiative. Retrieved from: https://www.prisonpolicy.org	
Detention	Online Data Resource & Tools: The Sentencing Project. (nd). Women. Retrieved from: https://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/women/	Provides updates on Sentencing Project's work related to women and incarceration
• Detention	Report: Kraft-Stolar T. (2015). Reproductive injustice: The state of reproductive health care for women in New York state prisons. Correctional Association of New York.	Comprehensive and well-researched monitoring report on the on conditions of confinement for women in New York State prisons specifically focused on their lack of reproductive healthcare
• Detention	Report: American Civil Liberties Union. (2019). Still Worse Than Second-Class Solitary Confinement of Women in the United States. Retrieved from: https://www.aclu.org/report/worse-second-class-solitary-confinement-women-united-states	Report provides facts and data about women in solitary confinement in general, as well as specific vulnerable populations of women (girls, older women, transgender women, women who are pregnant, and women with mental illness)
• Detention	Report Swavola, E., Riley, K., & Subramanian, R. (2016). Overlooked: Women and jails in an era of reform. New York: Vera Institute of Justice.	Report takes a look at incarcerated women in jails (the fastest growing correctional population in the country), offering a portrait of women in jail and exploring how jail can deepen the societal disadvantages they face

DetentionParenting	Report: Rebecca Project. (2010). Mothers behind bars: A state-by-state report card and analysis of federal policies on conditions of confinement for pregnant and parenting women and the effect on their children. Retrieved from: https://www.nwlc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/mothersbehindbars2010.pdf	Research examines every state's treatment and care of pregnant women
• Detention	Academic Article: Covington, S. S., & Bloom, B. E. (2007). Gender responsive treatment and services in correctional settings. <i>Women & Therapy</i> , 29(3-4), 9-33.	Article addresses the importance of gender responsiveness in program design and delivery for incarcerated women (also integrates substance abuse and trauma services)
• Detention	Academic Article: Lynch, S. M., DeHart, D. D., Belknap, J. E., Green, B. L., Dass-Brailsford, P., Johnson, K. A., & Whalley, E. (2014). A multisite study of the prevalence of serious mental illness, PTSD, and substance use disorders of women in jail. <i>Psychiatric Services</i> , 65, 670-674.	This research takes a look at the prevalence of serious mental illness and its co-occurrence with substance use disorders and PTSD suggesting the critical need for comprehensive assessment of women
• Detention	Academic Article: Eliason, M. J., Taylor, J. Y., & Williams, R. (2004). Physical health of women in prison: Relationship to	Article examines women's health in prison taking into account racism, classism, sexism, and the stigma of drug addiction in their daily lives, making the argument for better prison health services, increased access to substance abuse

	oppression. Journal of Correctional Health Care, 10(2), 175-203.	treatment, and a reconsideration of current drug policy and laws
• Detention	Academic Article: Fedock, G., Fries, L., & Kubiak, S. P. (2013). Service needs for incarcerated adults: Exploring gender differences. <i>Journal of Offender Rehabilitation</i> , 52, 493-508.	By exploring gender differences among a incarcerated individuals, authors discover women presented with higher rates of homelessness (prior to incarceration and anticipated post incarceration), serious mental illness, substance use disorder, and trauma histories than men, as well as higher rates of multiple and co-occurring risk factors
• Detention	Academic Article: Gobeil, R., Blanchette, K., & Stewart, L. (2016). A meta-analytic review of correctional interventions for women offenders gender-neutral versus gender-informed approaches. <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i> , 43, 301–322	Research examining what interventions are effective in reducing recidivism for women with attention on gender-informed approaches
DetentionReentryParenting	Article: Hager, E. & Flagg, A. (2018, Dec 12). How incarcerated parents are losing their children forever. The Marshall Project. Retrieved from: https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/12/03/how-incarcerated-parents-are-losing-their-children-forever	A look at how incarceration and the Adoption and Safe Families Act impacts mothers and the custody of their children

• Detention	Article: Deziel, M. (2014, June 16). Women inmates: Why the male model doesn't work. New York Times. Retrieved from: https://www.nytimes.com/paidpost/netflix/women-inmates-separate-but-not-equal.html	A close look at women's experiences behind bars (with video)
DetentionParenting	Film (Documentary Short): Lo, E. (Director) (2018). When Mother's Day means a trip to prison. The New York Times. Retrieved from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyoSbs2Hc5s	This short film following children in California on an annual overnight bus program that brings them to visit their incarcerated mothers; highlights the impact of women's incarceration on their children and families
DetentionParenting	Film: McShane, J. (Director) (2011) Mothers of Bedford [Film]. Covey Productions.	Film presents five incarcerated mothers of diverse backgrounds as they strive to be engaged with their children's lives while participating in an innovative parenting program
• Detention	Film: Gavin, M., Katz, J., & Sunshine, G. (2003) What I Want My Words to Do to You: Voices from Inside a Women's Maximum Security Prison. Borrowed Light Productions.	The film goes inside a writing workshop of incarcerated women led by playwright and activist Eve Ensler
• Detention	Organization: Just Detention International (California) https://justdetention.org/	Works to protect against sexual assault inside correctional facilities, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

DetentionReentry	Organization: California Coalition of Women Prisoners (California) https://womenprisoners.org/	Grassroots social justice organization with women members inside and outside prison, visiting program in California's women's prisons is at the core of work
DetentionReentry	Organization: Southerners on New Ground (Georgia) http://southernersonnewground.org/	Works for LGBTQ liberation across all lines of race, class, abilities, age, culture, gender, and sexuality in the South, focuses on criminal justice issues
• Reentry	Academic Article: Brown, M., & Bloom, B. (2009). Reentry and renegotiating motherhood: Maternal identity and success on parole. <i>Crime & Delinquency</i> , 55, 313-336.	While incarcerated women face many structural barriers to successful entry, this articles looks specifically at women's maternal concerns
• Reentry	Academic Article: O'Brien, P. (2001). 'Just like baking a cake': Women describe the necessary ingredients for successful reentry after incarceration. Families in Society, 82, 287–295.	Research on the strengths formerly incarcerated women used to manage their reentry after release from prison
Reentry	Article: Sawyer, W. (2019). Who's helping the 1.9 million women released from prisons and jails each	State data and trends on women's reentry

	year? Retrieved from: https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2019/07/19/reentry/	
ReentryPathways	Book: Burton, S., & Lynn, C. (2019). Becoming Ms. Burton: From prison to recovery to leading the fight for incarcerated women. The New Press.	A powerful memoir of Susan Burton covering her journey to justice-involvement and the remarkable, transformative work she has done since coming home
Reentry	Book: Gonnerman, J. (2005). Life on the outside: The prison odyssey of Elaine Bartlett. Macmillan.	This book tells the story of Elaine Bartlett who spent 16 years in prison for a drug-related crime and her journey home
Reentry	Organization: A New Way of Life (California) http://www.anewwayoflife.org	Founded by Susan Burton, this nonprofit provides housing, case management, pro bono legal services, advocacy and leadership development for women coming home
• Reentry	Organization: The WIRE (Washington, DC) https://thewiredc.org/about	Advocacy and support group for formerly incarcerated women raising awareness about the need for gender-responsive program
Reentry	Organization: Women on the Rise (Georgia) https://www.womenontherisega.org/	Organizing and advocacy organization of formerly incarcerated women

• Reentry	Organization: College and Community Partnership (New York) http://collegeandcommunity.org/ccf/what-we-do-2/	Provides support services that help formerly incarcerated women complete their higher education
ReentryParenting	Organization: Hour Children (New York) www.hourchildren.org	Provides services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children, provides housing for women coming home and their children
• Reentry	Organization: Reentry Rocks (New York) https://www.reentryrocks.org/	Reentry program for women, offers support groups and paid internship program to help women gain employment in the food industry
ReentryDetention	Article: Covington, S. S., & Bloom, B. E. (2007). Gender responsive treatment and services in correctional settings. <i>Women & Therapy</i> , 29(3-4), 9-33.	Paper addresses the importance of gender in terms of program design and delivery and describes the context for the development of effective gender responsive programming for women.
• Reform	Book: Law, V., & Law, V. (2012). Resistance behind bars: The struggles of incarcerated women. PM Press.	This book examines women's daily struggles against appalling prison conditions and injustices, and documents both collective organizing and individual resistance

Justice-Involved Girls Main Topic Key: Pathways to Juvenile Detention

- Race
- Detention
- General

Girls' Justice Involvement		
Topic(s)	Type of Resource (e.g. Film, Book, Article)	About the Resource. How to Use this Resource.
• Pathways	Academic Article: DeHart, D. D., & Moran, R. (2015). Poly-victimization among girls in the justice system: Trajectories of risk and associations to juvenile offending. Violence Against Women, 21, 291-312.	Research examines the range and co-occurrence of different types of violence over the life span for girls in the juvenile justice system
• Pathways	Academic Article: Baumle, D. (2018). Creating the trauma-to-prison pipeline: How the U.S. justice system criminalizes structural and interpersonal trauma experienced by girls of color. <i>Family Court Review</i> , 56(4), 695-708.	Article describes the trauma-to-prison pipeline, particularly how the juvenile justice system criminalizes girls because of their experiences of multiple and intersecting forms of trauma, including the trauma resulting from the structural forces of racism and poverty
PathwaysRace	Book: Morris, M. (2016). Pushout: The criminalization of Black girls in schools. The New Press.	This book highlights experiences of Black girls whose lives are too often misunderstood and judged and who are pushed out of school and into

		unhealthy, unstable, and often unsafe futures often involving the juvenile justice system
PathwaysDetention	Film: Garbus, L. (Director) (2003). <i>Girlhood</i> [Film]. Moxie Firecracker Films.	This documentary follows two young girls at a juvenile detention center in Maryland
PathwaysDetention	Report: Saar, M. S., Epstein, R., Rosenthal, L., & Vafa, Y. (2015). The sexual abuse to prison pipeline: The girls' story. Retrieved from: https://www.law.georgetown.edu/poverty-inequality-center/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2019/02/The-Sexual-Abuse-To-Prison-Pipeline-The-Girls%E2%80%99-Story.pdf	This report exposes the ways in which girls are criminalized girls especially girls of color who have been sexually and physically abused (e.g. survivors of sex trafficking, girls who run away or become truant because abuse at home, and girls who cross over into the juvenile justice system from the child welfare system), and it offers policy recommendations to dismantle the abuse to prison pipeline
PathwaysDetention	Report: Rosenthal, L. & Jafarian, M. (2019). Vera's 10-year strategy to end girls' incarceration. Retrieved from: https://www.vera.org/publications/veras-10-year-strategy-to-end-girls-incarceration	Vera Institute outlines its Initiative to End Girls' Incarceration which aims to end the country's confinement of girls within 10 years by emphasizing the needs to better support the safety and well-being of girls and gender expansive youth in their communities and address the root causes of their incarceration
General	Film: Szajko, L. & Leban, L. (Directors) (2004) Girl trouble [Film]. New Day Films.	This film follows three teenagers entangled in San Francisco's juvenile justice system trying to change their lives while working at the Center for Young Women's Development (now the Young Women's FreedomCenter)