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he goal of the corrections system, unlike policing and law, changes over both time and place. Policing, driven by the Constitution and the policy of "accepted" practice, often varies little from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Similarly, the practice of law, driven by due process and case law, also has little latitude for interpretation among jurisdictions. But correctional practices are able to change, and the goals and policies of different statelevel facilities may be unique to their respective states and based on the beliefs of the current political base and prison administration; elements that could change at any given time. Correctional administrators, recognizing that these "new" goals are probably temporary, may be unwilling or unable to meet these goals, so they revert to the simple and constant goals of care and custody. While these are admirable goals, in that they seek to ensure that the offender is safe within the institution and that the society is safe from the offender, they do little to change the behaviors that placed the offender in the hands of the criminal justice system in the first place. Furthermore, the rare administrator who recognizes the various causes of crime and seeks to address these causes therapeutically within the custodial institution is usually met with limited resources and often suspicion or scorn from the taxpaying public. To many, rehabilitation seems "soft" on crime.

Add to this quagmire the problem of getting research information to the practitioner in a timely and understandable manner, and you create a justice system that supports the status quo, and a corrections system that typically offers the lowest form of care allowable by law. Is it any wonder that recidivism rates are as high as they are?

Annual Editions: Corrections 01/02 is a small step toward correcting these problems for future generations. Many of you, the readers of this collection of articles, will eventually assume leadership roles in the criminal justice system. You will be asked to both create policy and institute change. It is my sincere hope that exposure to this material will both educate and enlighten, and break down the stereotypes and misinformation that plague the criminal justice and correctional systems.

The articles included in Annual Editions: Corrections 01/02 were selected for their timeliness and their perspective. The practice of corrections changes so rapidly that most anthologies are out of date before they hit the shelves in college bookstores. The Annual Editions format offers assurance that you will be exposed to current problems, perspectives, and information. If used properly, this reader will help you to understand how change occurs within the corrections system, how these changes may produce unintended and negative consequences, and how these consequences fit into a classic and historical perspective. From this interaction, a better perspective can be achieved and learning can be enhanced.

Annual Editions: Corrections 01/02 may be used in two ways: As an accompaniment to a more traditional corrections text (which is its primary purpose), it can be used to examine in greater depth the "hot" issues in corrections. To achieve this end I suggest that the articles be selected and scheduled based on their appropriateness for each of the sections in the primary text. Another way to use this anthology could be as the primary text in an advanced corrections class, where the students have already been exposed to the traditional information, and are more prepared and motivated to engage in in-depth discussions of timely issues in corrections. In either case, Annual Editions: Corrections 01/02 represents current and classic issues in corrections, and it will continue to do so in each of its upcoming editions. We are interested in your thoughts about the selections contained in this edition. Please fill out the postage-paid article rating form on the last page and let us know your opinions. We endeavor to improve each edition annually, and with your help, we will.

> Matthew Leone Editor

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 American Criminal Justice Philosophy: What's Old— What's New? Curtis R. Blakely and Vic W. Bumphus, Federal Probation, June 1999.

Curtis Blakely and Vic Bumphus show how **public interest and social change** affect the operations of the various agencies of the criminal justice system. The authors provide a comparison among the current police philosophies and examine how they could be applied to the corrections system.

2. Prisoners in 1998, Allen J. Beck and Christopher J. Mumola, Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin, U.S. Department of Justice, August 1999.

The Department of Justice releases a report approximately every 2 years that chronicles the changes in the nation's prison population. In this report, Allen Beck and Christopher Mumola highlight the **changes in inmate demographics and incarceration rates** nationwide.

3. Prior Abuse Reported by Inmates and Probationers, Caroline Wolf Harlow, *Bureau of Justice Statistics: Selected Findings*, April 1999.

Anecdotal data have long argued a *relationship between childhood abuse and later criminal behavior.* This federal report compares inmates' personal histories of abuse with their placement at different levels of control within the correctional system. The links between prior abuse and later alcohol/drug use are also examined.

 Drug Use History and Criminal Behavior among 133 Incarcerated Men, Elena M. Kouri, Harrison G. Pope Jr., Kenneth F. Powell, Paul S. Oliva, and Corbett Campbell, American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, August 1997

This article further examines the *relationship between sub-stance abuse and crime* in a sample of 133 incarcerated males. While the sample is narrow, it still provides compelling evidence of the relationship between crime, incarceration, and clinical substance dependence.

5. Drugs, Crime, Prison, and Treatment, Charles Blanchard, *Spectrum*, Winter 1999.

Charles Blanchard states that there is a close connection between **crime and substance abuse.** He examines this **linkage** to support the idea of treatment programs in prison and the use of specialized areas of the justice system to support the substance-abusing criminal.

The Forgotten Offender, Meda Chesney-Lind, Corrections Today, December 1998.

Female offenders have been, for most of the past decade, the fastest-growing segment of the correctional population. In this article, Meda Chesney-Lind examines the reasons for this change. Issues discussed include how the drive for equality helped to create this situation and how we could help to correct some of these new problems by **changing our imprisonment philosophy** and recognizing the **differences between male and female inmates.**



Who Are the Prisoners?

The six selections in this section examine the makeup of the current U.S. prison population.

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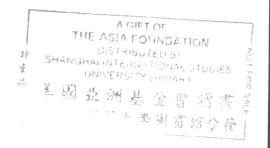
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Prison Life

This unit's eleven articles look at what being a prisoner or a corrections officer is like in today's correctional institutions.

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7. Coping with Incarceration—From the Other Side of the Bars, Mary Dallao, Corrections Today, October 1997.

Often forgotten in the debate on imprisonment and sentencing are the families of the inmates. This article provides a feel for what others experience when a loved one is sentenced to prison. It offers corrections professionals some suggestions to help mitigate the impact on families.

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8. Behind Bars: We've Built the Largest Prison System in the World. Here's a Look Inside, Wray Herbert, U.S. News & World Report, March 23, 1998.
With the rapid and seemingly uncontrollable increases in prison populations, it is helpful to take a look inside and see what the day-to-day experience of imprisonment looks like. This is a photographic essay on life inside various incarcerative institutions.

Behind Bars: Substance Abuse and America's Prison Population, Spectrum, Winter 1999.
 Substance abuse and addiction have fundamentally changed the nature of America's prison population. Crime and substance abuse are joined at the hip.

10. Inside the New Alcatraz, Peter Annin, Newsweek, July 13, 1998.
As prisons continue to grow in size and to house more serious and dangerous inmates, places need to be constructed to keep those inmates who are too dangerous for the general population. This is a brief description of the operation and design of the newest Administrative Maximum Federal Prison.

11. Life on the Inside: The Jailers, Andrew Metz, Newsday, March 21, 1999.
At the Nassau County Correctional Center, one of the largest jails in the country, correction officers battle tension, fear, and stereotypes. Many officers believe that they are seen as brutes, only a shade better than the people behind bars.

12. Prison Crime in New York State, David R. Eichenthal and Laurel Blatchford, *The Prison Journal*, December 1997.

As noted earlier, crime in the streets seems to be decreasing, but inmate populations seem to be increasing. What are all these inmates doing while they are in prison? This article examines the prevalence of crime in prisons, discusses some of the social, political, and practical reasons for the increase in prison crime, and offers ways for states to combat this problem.

13. Stopping Abuse in Prison, Nina Siegal, *The Progressive*, April 1999.

Nina Siegal makes the argument that abuse of inmates by correctional staff is widespread (a position not wholly supported by other researchers) and offers case studies to support that position. Included in the article are some perspectives of governmental and private groups, and an explanation of how suggested legislation and *training may better control staff behavior*.

14. A Day in the Life, Gabrielle deGroot, Corrections Today, December 1998.

This article looks at both the emotional and physical experience of being an inmate in a female prison. In the course of this article, four female inmates discuss the life on the inside, the situations on the outside that preceded their crimes, and the mechanisms that they employ to attempt to create an improved quality of life in prison.

15. The Gangs behind Bars, Tiffany Danitz, Insight, September 28/October 5, 1998.
Male inmates, as a rule, differ from female inmates in the ways that they cope with incarceration. This brief article shows how prevalent gangs are in prison, and the many reasons why inmates join or create prison gangs.

16. The Effects of the Duran Consent Decree, Curtis R. Blakely, Corrections Today, February 1997.
During the New Mexico State Prison Riot, prison officials made promises to the inmates who helped to quell the riot and who eventually allowed the prison to be retaken with minimal resistance. For over a decade the promises of the prison officials and the suggestions of other governmental agencies have been ignored. In this article Curtis Blakely examines the decree, and assesses the impact of the decree on the prison system of New Mexico.

17. The Constitution and the Federal District Judge, Frank M. Johnson, *Texas Law Review*, Volume 903, 1976.

Based on the number of suits filed by inmates, it can be easily suggested that *prisons violate the constitutional rights of inmates* on a regular basis. Why then the lack of federal case law to control prison behavior? In this classic article the self-defined role of a federal court judge is discussed by an active federal judge.

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18. Like Mother, Like Daughter: Why More Young Women Follow Their Moms into Lives of Crime, Toni Locy, U.S. News & World Report, October 4, 1999.

In this brief but important view of the relationship between mothers and daughters when the mother is a criminal and an inmate, Toni Locy provides insight into the mother's desire for her daughter to lead a different life, and the daughter's perspective of the mother as a role model.

19. Percentage of Women on Probation and Parole Rising, U.S. Justice Department, 1997 In this short report, Justice Department data are used to support the idea that some types of female crime are increasing sharply, and that these increases are resulting in more females coming under the control of the corrections system.

20. Addressing the Needs of Elderly Offenders, Connie L. Neeley, Laura Addison, and Delores Craig-Moreland, Corrections Today, August 1997.
As sentences increase and parole becomes more difficult to obtain, the predicted outcome will be more inmates living in prison as senior citizens. This article outlines some of the changes that will need to be made to both prison structure and operations to

accommodate these aging inmates.

21. Elder Care: Louisiana Initiates Program to Meet Needs of Aging Inmate Population, Jean Wall, Corrections Today, April 1998.

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Jean Wall describes a pilot program that was initiated to better and more effectively deal with aging and aged inmates in Louisiana. Included are programs designed to keep **aging inmates** healthy, with the idea of both improving their quality of life and decreasing medical costs for the facility.

22. Chaser: A Medication Addict, Victor Hassine, from Life without Parole, Roxbury Publishers, Los Angeles, CA, 1999. In this chapter excerpt from Victor Hassine's book, the life and crimes of an inmate called Chaser are discussed. An image emerges of a prison system that seeks to control needy inmates with medication rather than with more substantial and effective long-term therapy.



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Unusual Problems and Unusual Populations

Eight selections examine some of the problems faced by prisoners who are somewhat unique: young women, the elderly, the mentally impaired, and juveniles.

In this Bureau of Justice Statistics report, causes of criminal

behavior are examined and the mental health of the inmate population is assessed. Linkages are examined between physical/ substance abuse and criminality. In addition, treatment programs are evaluated in terms of their availability to mentally ill inmates.

24. Juveniles in Federal Prison, Jack Kresnak, The Education 111 Diaest, February 1999.

As the federal government takes a greater interest in crime and, predictably, creates more federal legislation to control crime, the outcome will be an increased need for federal prison beds to house these criminals. When this situation is applied to the juvenile population, the expected outcome will be increases in the federal juvenile population. This article outlines what happens in a federal juvenile facility with a burgeoning population of Native American juvenile offenders.

25. Re-Forming Juvenile Justice: The New Zealand Experiment, Allison Morris and Gabrielle Maxwell, The Prison Journal,

The United States is not the only place experiencing increases in juvenile correctional populations. This article examines the impact of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act of 1989 in New Zealand. Included in this act are some of the same strategies that are being used in some U.S. cities.



Dying on the Inside: The **Death Penalty**

Five selections look at the death penalty issue in U.S. prisons.

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26. A House without a Blueprint, Ted Gest, U.S. News & World Report, July 8, 1996. Ted Gest examines the case of Gary Burris and uses it as an

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example of some of the enduring problems with the process of the death penalty. The article ends with an examination of the data that shows the impact that race and geography can have on the potential for execution.

27. Facts and Figures: A Costly Matter of Life or Death, Bevolyn Williams-Harold, Black Enterprise, September 1998. The death penalty requires extraordinary levels of due process to ensure the guilt and the level of guilt of the accused. This brief article outlines the costs of this "super" due process.

28. Stolen Lives: Men and Women Wrongfully Sentenced to 125 Death Row, Jenny Allen and Lori Grinker, Life, October One of the most compelling arguments against execution is its irreversibility. This article shows how often innocent people end up on death row, and the devastating consequences for them and

their families. 29. Death Row Justice Derailed, Ken Armstrong and Steve Mills, Chicago Tribune, November 14, 1999. While the court process is often less than perfect, the authors of this article show us how particularly imperfect the system was in Illinois. This article, through the use of court records and offender interviews, shows how this system, which lacked the checks and balances that we all take for granted, could convict innocent individuals and place them on death row.

30. The Death Penalty Brings Justice, Gov. George E. Pataki, and Death at Midnight . . . Hope at Sunrise, Steven Hawkins, Corrections Today, August 1996. Two perspectives on the death penalty are advanced in these two articles. For Governor George Pataki, execution is seen as the ultimate justice for society and the family of the victim. Steven Hawkins considers the legal process, which is more affected by the economic condition of the offender and the race of the offender and the victim, rather than by the guilt or innocence of the offender.

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- 31. Correctional Treatment: Some Recommendations for Effective Intervention, Paul Gendreau and Robert R. Ross, Juvenile and Family Court Journal, Winter 1983–1984. In this article, Paul Gendreau and Robert Ross show the potential value of treatment programs and discuss the reasons why many have failed, and why society seems to want to punish rather than to treat the offender, even though effective treatment is possible.
- 32. Habilitation, Not Rehabilitation, Dyan Machan, Forbes, November 2, 1998.
 Sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction. In this article the judge who was immortalized in the book and movie The Bonfire of the Vanities is interviewed regarding his beliefs about the function of the criminal justice system. He offers some insights and suggestions for making the legal and correctional processes more effective.
- 33. A Decade of Experimenting with Intermediate Sanctions:
 What Have We Learned? Joan Petersilia, Federal Probation, December 1998.
 Intermediate sanctions, those sentencing options that exist between full incarceration and complete release, have been in use for over a century. More modern, intermediate sanctions have been in use for a little over a decade. In this article, Joan Petersilia discusses the practical and political problems that have afflicted the system of intermediate sanctions, and she shows some locations where some new ideas seem to be working.
- 34. Eliminating Parole Boards Isn't a Cure-All, Experts Say, Fox Butterfield, New York Times, January 10, 1999. Parole has been abolished or severely restricted in nearly 20 states, yet the reasons for abolishing parole and the impacts of this action are unclear. In this brief article, Fox Butterfield discusses the views of practitioners and predicts some of the dire consequences of this action.
- 35. Job Placement for Offenders: A Promising Approach to Reducing Recidivism and Correctional Costs, Peter Finn, National Institute of Justice Journal, July 1999. One method of controlling prison populations is to reduce the high rate of recidivism among ex-offenders. Programs described here aim to help large numbers of ex-offenders to remain employed in order to avoid reincarceration.
- 36. Young Probation/Parole Officer Toughens with Experience, Susan Clayton, Corrections Today, June 1996. Similar to improving athletic skills, the process of becoming a "seasoned" probation/parole officer is not without pain. In this article, the day-to-day actions and challenges of Baltimore Home Detention Agent Rachelle White are detailed. The process of electronic home detention is presented, along with the problems encountered in running such a unit.

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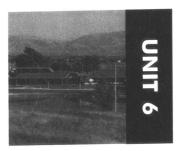
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Living on the Outside: Intermediate Sanctions

The six articles in this unit consider the programs and treatments that follow the paroled prisoner.



Future Issues in Corrections

Twelve selections examine some of the issues that those involved with corrections will face in the future: the "three strikes" law, the role of education, privatization, chain gangs, mental and physical health, and youth courts. 37. New Bedlam: Jails—Not Psychiatric Hospitals—Now Care for the Indigent Mentally III, Spencer P. M. Harrington, The Humanist, May 1999.

Jails, which have always been at the center of the criminal justice system, and have always been negatively impacted by changes in law enforcement, courts, or prisons, now have a new problem. The lack of sufficient space in mental hospitals for the indigent mentally ill has forced the criminal justice system into holding and processing this population. The author shows how jails are ill-equipped to do so and points out that inmate suicides

may be the result of this unfortunate mix of person and place.
38. A Get-Tough Policy That Failed, John Cloud, Time, February 1, 1999.
The punishment philosophy of deterrence depends on the criminal making a thoughtful calculation of the punishments and the gains. It requires that the potential repeat offender be aware of the level and probability of punishment and whether the severity of the punishment outweighs the pleasure of the crime. This article examines the negative consequences of the "three strikes" model of deterrence for repeat offenders.

39. The Deterrent Effect of the Three Strikes Law, John R. Schafer, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, April 1999. In this article, proponents of the three strikes laws are given the opportunity to show that the laws may be having positive social consequences, and that society may be better off because of the legislation. Also included in the article is an analysis of offender attitudes that indicates which offender types the three strikes legislation is most likely to control.

40. "Lock 'em Up and Throw Away the Key": A Policy That Won't Work, William H. Rentschler, USA Today Magazine (Society for the Advancement of Education), November 1997.
The punishment philosophy that was espoused in the 1980s did not arise from a vacuum but was rather the result of political pressures and social concerns, the roots of which were created in the 1970s. In this article William Rentschler discusses both the causes and consequences of the imprisonment binge. He includes the politics of reelection and the perception of a society that paints those who oppose prison building for fiscal reasons as being "soft on crime."

Education As Crime Prevention: Providing Education to Prisoners, Research Brief (The Center on Crime, Communities & Culture), September 1997.
 This research brief presents recent data on the impact of education on crime and crime prevention, and examines the debate on providing higher education to inmates.

42. Probation Department in Michigan Finds Volunteers Make
Fine Officers, Brian M. Smith, Corrections Today, August 1993.
As the costs of operating probation departments increases, due to

As the costs of operating probation departments increases, due to both increasing wages and increased numbers of officers and offenders, society is going to have to be inventive in finding solutions. One proposed idea, which has been tried in other countries, is **the use of volunteers** to supervise low-level offenders in the community. This article is an analysis and evaluation of one such program in Michigan.

43. Correctional Privatization: Defining the Issues and 192 Searching for Answers, G. Larry Mays, from Privatization and the Provision of Correctional Services: Context and Consequences, ACJS/Anderson Monograph Service, January 1996. Another creative solution to the cost of building and operating correctional facilities involves partnerships with the private sector. These partnerships, while financially attractive, are not

without risk. In this article, Larry Mays discusses the idea of privatization in corrections and defines some of the issues which must be considered when making the decision to privatize.

44. Chain Gangs Are Right for Florida, Charlie Crist, and 196 Chain Gangs Are Cruel and Unusual Punishment, Rhonda Brownstein, Corrections Today, April 1996. As society and politicians seek to increase punishments in order to achieve deterrence, they also increase the operating costs of the criminal justice system. One solution has been to put inmates back to work outside the prison. Here are opposing views on the use of chain gangs as a way to ensure the safety of the public.

45. Restorative Justice: The Concept, Howard Zehr, Correc- 199 tions Today, December 1997. When the criminal justice system punishes an offender for the violation of a law that has harmed another individual, often the person who is harmed is left unrestored. The current philosophy for dealing with offenders-restorative justice-promotes not just the punishment of the offender but also (and sometimes only) the restoration of the person harmed by the offender's actions.

46. Rough Justice in the Youth Courts, Kirsty Milne, New States- 203 men, January 30, 1998. Criminal justice issues are the motivation for campaign promises in other countries as well as in the United States. In this article, the perspectives and promises of the Labour party in England are contrasted with the reality, both political and economic, of the nation. What emerges is a system and a situation that is very similar to what has emerged in the United States over the past 10 years.

47. HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Programs for Adults 206 in Prisons and Jails and Juveniles in Confinement Facilities, Journal of the American Medical Association, May 1, 1996.

As correctional populations rise and supervision becomes less absolute, it is inevitable that sexual contact will occur between inmates in both adult and juvenile facilities. This report argues that programs that seek to decrease the spread of sexually transmitted diseases in correctional settings can be successful and should be promoted more aggressively in institutions nationwide.

48. It's Time to Open the Doors of Our Prisons, Rufus King, Newsweek, April 19, 1999. In this brief article, Rufus King makes the argument that society has responded to crime with hysteria, which has resulted in the creation of a justice system with little flexibility and even less compassion. He suggests that the low-level offender would be better served by programs outside of the prison, and he suggests that the government should immediately review all sentences and release those who have served excessive amounts of time for seemingly minimal offenses.

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This topic guide suggests how the selections and World Wide Web sites found in the next section of this book relate to topics of traditional concern to students and professionals in the study of corrections. It is useful for locating interrelated articles and Web sites for reading and research. The guide is arranged alphabetically according to topic.

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The following World Wide Web sites have been carefully researched and selected to support the articles found in this reader. If you are interested in learning more about specific topics found in this book, these Web sites are a good place to start. The sites are cross-referenced by number and appear in the topic guide on the previous two pages. Also, you can link to these Web sites through our DUSHKIN ONLINE support site at http://www.dushkin.com/online/.

The following sites were available at the time of publication. Visit our Web site—we update DUSHKIN ONLINE regularly to reflect any changes.

General Sources

1. American Society of Criminology

http://www.bsos.umd.edu/asc/four.html

This is an excellent starting place for studying all aspects of corrections, criminal justice, and criminology, with links to international sources, court information, police, and so on.

2. Introduction to American Justice

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/just110/home.html
Here is an excellent outline of the causes of crime, including major theories, prepared by Professor Darryl Wood of the Justice Center at the University of Alaska at Anchorage. It provides an introduction to crime, law, corrections, police and policing, and more.

3. National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD)

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/index.html
NACJD holds more than 500 data collections relating to
criminal justice, most of which can be accessed from this site.

4. SOSIG: Sociology of Law and Crime

http://sosig.esrc.bris.ac.uk/roads/subject-listing/ World-cat/sociolaw.html

This international site offers articles, papers and reports, government publications, research projects, and much more. Information covered includes aging inmates, American Indians and crime, and the death penalty.

5. Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/

Data about all aspects of criminal justice in the United States is available at this site, which includes more than 600 tables from dozens of sources and search features.

6. U.S. Department of Justice

http://www.usdoj.gov

The DOJ represents the American people in enforcing the law in the public interest. This site provides U.S. judicial system information and links to federal government Web servers, topics of interest related to the justice system, documents and resources, and a topical index.

7. Yahoo! Society and Culture: Crime: Correction and Rehabilitation

http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Crime/ Correction and Rehabilitation/

Yahoo!'s large site includes sections on AIDS/HIV, Correctional issues, Death Penalty, Inmates, Juvenile Detention Centers, Prison History, Sentencing, and much more.

Who Are the Prisoners?

8. Crime Times

http://www.crime-times.org/titles.htm

This site on crime presents research reviews and other information regarding biological causes of criminal, violent, and psychopathic behavior. It consists of many articles that are listed by title.

David Willshire's Forensic Psychology & Psychiatry Links

http://www.ozemail.com.au/~dwillsh/

A number of links to professional journals and associations are offered on this site. It is a valuable resource for the study of possible connections between violence and mental disorders. Topics include serial killers, sex offenders, and trauma.

10. Explanations of Criminal Behavior

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/just110/crime2.html
Prepared by Darryl Wood at the University of Alaska, this outline examines the causes of crime, including major theories.

11. Justice Information Center (JIC)

http://www.ncjrs.org

Provided by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, the JIC site connects to information about corrections, courts, crime prevention, criminal justice, statistics, drugs and crime, law enforcement, victims, and other topics. News and current highlights are also presented.

12. Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse--Later Criminal Consequences

http://www.ncjrs.org/txtfiles/abuse.txt

This interesting article investigates earlier evidence of a circle of violence—people who are abused become abusers later in life—and comes up with somewhat different results.

Prison Life

13. Accommodating Prison Population Growth

http://www.lao.ca.gov/sc010695a.html
In this 1995 report, the California Board of Corrections had predicted that, because of the "Three Strikes and You're Out" legislation, the prison population would grow by almost 70 percent. This report discusses this issue and what can be done.

14. The Corrections Connection Network

http://www.corrections.com

This site is the largest online network providing news and information for corrections professionals. See also the American Correctional Association at http://www.corrections.com/aca/ and the American Jail Association at http://www.corrections.com/aja/.

15. The Farm: Life Inside a Women's Prison

http://www.igc.org/thefarm/links.htm
Follow the links at this site for information about the issues of women in prison: pregnant women, sexual abuse of incarcerated women, and African American women.

16. Oregon Department of Corrections

http://www.doc.state.or.us/links/welcome.htm
Resources in such areas as crime and law enforcement as well as links to U.S. state corrections departments are available at this site.

17. Prison Life

http://www.hmprisonservice.gov.uk/life/ Aspects of life in prison are covered at this site from the UK, including what a "life" sentence means.

18. Stop Prisoner Rape, Inc.

http://www.spr.org/spr.html

Access the materials available through this site to gain an understanding into the social relationships that may develop in incarceration facilities.

Unusual Problems and Unusual Populations

19. Basics of Juvenile Justice

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/just110/intro2.html
A list of similarities and differences between juvenile and adult justice systems is available at this site. Also listed by time periods are changes in the philosophy of juvenile justice.

20. Behind Bars: Aging Prison Population Challenges Correctional Health Systems

http://www.nurseweek.com/features/99-7/prison.html In this article from Nurse Week, Chris Schreiber discusses the growth of an elderly population in prison and the health-delivery problems that the over 2 million aging inmates will create.

21. Center for Rational Correctional Policy

http://pierce.simplenet.com

Data on courts and sentencing, with many additional links to a variety of criminal justice sources, may be accessed here.

22. Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR)

http://www.iir.com

The IIR is a research organization that specializes in law enforcement, juvenile justice, and criminal justice issues. Explore the projects, links, and search engines from this home page. Topics include youth gangs and white-collar criminals.

23. Juvenile Justice Documents: Corrections

http://www.ncjrs.org/jjcorr.htm

This extensive site, sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, includes more than 30 news articles, plus fact sheets on a wide variety of juvenile corrections issues.

Dying on the Inside: The Death Penalty

24. ACLU Criminal Justice Home Page

http://aclu.org/issues/criminal/hmcj.html
This Criminal Justice page of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) Web site highlights recent events, lists important resources, and contains a search mechanism.

25. Critical Criminology Division of the ASC

http://sun.soci.niu.edu/~critcrim
Provided by the American Society of Criminology, this
site provides basic criminology and related government
resources as well as other useful links. Restorative justice
and the death penalty are discussed.

26. Prison Law Page

http://www.wco.com/~aerick/prison.htm
This site contains resources on prisons and on the death
penalty debate.

Living on the Outside: Intermediate Sanctions

27. American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)

http://www.appa-net.org

Open the APPA site to find information and resources related to probation and parole issues, position papers, the APPA code of ethics, and research and training programs and opportunities.

28. VIP: Volunteers in Prevention, Probation, and Prisons, Inc.

http://comnet.org/vip/

A description of volunteers in prevention, prison, and probation may be accessed here along with data on VIP training, research library facilities, and the Partners against Crime Mentoring Program. Professional links are also offered.

Future Issues in Corrections

29. ACLU: Corrections: News

http://aclu.org/issues/criminal/hmcj.html
The latest news releases in the field of corrections at any
given moment, culled from all over the United States, are
available here.

30. Campaign for Equity-Restorative Justice (CERJ)

http://www.cerj.org

This is the home page of CERJ, which sees monumental problems in justice systems and the need for reform. Examine this site and its links for information about the restorative justice movement.

31. National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA)

http://www.public-policy.org/~ncpa/pd/law/index3.html
Through the NCPA's "Idea House" click onto links to read
discussions on an array of topics that are of major interest
in the study of the American judicial system. Available are
sections on the courts, judges, lawyers, and other aspects
of the legal system and resulting corrections.

32. National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

http://www.nicic.org/inst/

The NIC is a small agency of correctional learning and experience, and it is part of the Department of Justice. NIC advances and shapes effective correctional practice and public policy through collaboration and leadership, and it provides assistance, information, education, and training in the field of corrections. Visit also NIC's Community Corrections Division, which is involved in a national initiative to update the Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and Probotioners, at http://www.nicic.org/inst/nicccd.htm.

33. National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/lawedocs.htm

The NU sponsors projects and conveys research findings to practitioners in the field of criminal justice and corrections. Through this site you can access the initiatives of the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, monitor international criminal activity, learn the latest about policing techniques and issues, and more.

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- American Criminal Justice Philosophy: What's Old-What's New? Curtis R. Blakely and Vic W. Bumphus
- 2. Prisoners in 1998, Allen J. Beck and Christopher J. Mumola
- 3. Prior Abuse Reported by Inmates and Probationers, Caroline Wolf Harlow
- 4. Drug Use History and Criminal Behavior among 133 Incarcerated Men, Elena M. Kouri, Harrison G. Pope Jr., Kenneth F. Powell, Paul S. Oliva, and Corbett Campbell
- 5. Drugs, Crime, Prison, and Treatment, Charles Blanchard
- 6. The Forgotten Offender, Meda Chesney-Lind

Key Points to Consider

- What are some of the common background variables we see within the inmate population? Which background variables are linked to which types of crime? What does this suggest about the causes of crime?
- How could prisons change to become more effective in controlling crime?
- How has social change affected the criminal justice system?
- How could substance abuse programs in prison be combined with changes in sentencing to encourage inmates to participate in these programs?
- In which specific areas of behaviors have laws changed to reflect changing social interests?
- How have these social changes affected the social perception of the female offender and contributed to the increases in female incarceration rates?



Links

www.dushkin.com/online/

8. Crime Times

http://www.crime-times.org/titles.htm

- 9. David Willshire's Forensic Psychology & Psychiatry Links http://www.ozemail.com.au/~dwillsh/
- 10. Explanations of Criminal Behavior http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/just110/crime2.html
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