

Women Offenders in Community Corrections
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Presenter Biographies

Jen Wright is a Court and Field Supervisor with Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) in Duluth, Minnesota. She has worked with ARC for the past eighteen years.

Jen worked with Dr. Jane Olenburger to develop a gender-specific risk tool addendum to the LSI-R and published an article summarizing the study in *Women and Girls in Criminal Justice* 2002. She has served on the Minnesota Task Force on Female Offenders and co-chairs the ARC Advisory Task Force on Female Offenders in Duluth.

Jen also published an article on implementing a Best Practice Plan for Corrections in the Minnesota Corrections Association Forum October 2000. She has trained locally and nationally in the areas of risk assessment, YLSI-CMR, case planning, general diversity, anti-homophobia, gender sensitivity, and domestic violence. She has collaborated with the American Probation and Parole Association, the National Institute of Corrections and other professionals in the development of a curriculum used to train corrections professionals in Gender-Responsive Strategies to Women Offenders in Community Corrections.

Jen received her B.A. in Sociology from the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

Becky Pogatchnik is a Probation Officer with Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC), where she has worked for six years. Becky's positions within ARC have included Coordinator of the Girls Detention and Treatment Programs, Intensive Supervision Agent, and Traditional Juvenile Probation Officer. Prior to coming to ARC, Becky was the Director of the Female Offender Program at Messabi Work Release in Duluth, Minnesota.

Becky has been on the Minnesota Advisory Task Force for Female Offenders for five years and the ARC Advisory Task Force on Female Offenders for eight years. She is a certified assessor for the Correctional Program Assessment Inventory (CPAI) and has conducted assessments across Minnesota. She is also a trainer for Effective Case Management Using Motivational Interviewing.

Becky has served on the ARC Best Practices Committee, the Minnesota Department of Corrections (MN-DOC) Cognitive Network and MN-DOC Case Management Planning Committee.

Becky received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota – Duluth (UMD) in Psychology and her M.A. from UMD in Educational Psychology.