



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, in a section we are calling **Practice Innovation in Corrections** we 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.

THEME FOR EDITION # 7

“Giving Focus to Community Corrections: Learning from and with our Stakeholders”

We all understand the potential benefits of community corrections: improved opportunity to maintain community ties and support desistance, for proportionality and cost-effectiveness in sentencing, and to engage the huge potential contribution of “communities” - to name just a few. Furthermore, community-based work is central to the “offender journey”, including diversionary measures, successful prison release, and community sentences. And it may help reduce use of imprisonment, with consequent benefits for reintegration and social inclusion.

Yet in spite of these and other widely recognised advantages, community-based work remains often underdeveloped or underused, and research into its impact, perhaps surprisingly, still comparatively rare! What approaches and why, including delivered with partners, demonstrate positive impact on desistance (human and social capital), on public safety, or restoration and reintegration? How can Community Corrections successfully combine rehabilitation and punishment? Which strategies build judicial and public confidence, usefully involve communities, or impact successfully on diversion or prison overcrowding? What approaches respond most effectively to females, youth, indigenous populations, minorities, or other specific groups?

For this Edition, we welcome both evidence and practice-informed discussions of how the various benefits of Community Corrections have been (or can be) achieved. We want to explore the variety of sanctions, settings, and treatments encompassed under the 'community corrections' umbrella and provide examples of successful programs, including examples of public-private partnerships and other collaborative efforts that have overcome obstacles and inertia in implementation of community corrections. Stakeholders from whose experience we can learn collaboratively may include our probation, parole, and community corrections front-line staff; academic and other researchers, managers and leaders; the wider justice system (including prosecutors, judges, police...); the many not-for-profit, statutory or private organisations with whom we partner to support desistance (and other aims); victim advocacy organizations; families, communities and volunteers; and of course, our service-users.

In submitting your manuscript, we ask that you please provide a succinct summary of how your paper specifically relates to this overall theme. Your manuscript may not be accepted without this summary.

HOW SHOULD YOU SUBMIT YOUR MANUSCRIPT?

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). A copy should also be forwarded to the ICPA Communications Officer, **Aleksandar Petrov**, at the ICPA Head Office (aleksandarpetrov@icpa.ca).

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.

For this Special Edition of *Advancing Corrections*, several other members of the ICPA Community Corrections Network have also agreed graciously to serve in an Associate Editor capacity. The Editor of *Advancing Corrections* together with the Associate Editors for this Edition will manage the process of selecting manuscripts for review and choosing the final set of papers to be included. 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, then please support this exciting new ICPA initiative.