

GIRLS, GANGS AND CRIME: PROFILE OF THE YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDER [5233]

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Workshop Summary

The latest research on female gangs and female arrest statistics indicate a rise not only in violent offenses, but in the willingness of law enforcement to view women as violent offenders. This shift in attitude by law enforcement within the last decade is an awakening long overdue. Ironically, it may be through this willingness to view the female as a dangerous entity in and of herself that the juvenile female offender may finally begin to receive the help she so desperately needs. In exploring why more females are being arrested on weapons charges, why there are increases in the percentages of female arrests, and why females are gaining more influence in the gang world, the underlying question remains: from where does this recent impetus for violence stem? This presentation looks at the recent statistics in female arrests and offers some possible and compelling reasons behind them.

Workshop Goals

- Dealing with female delinquency has its own special considerations, and this session will discuss the special pathology, needs and issues in working with young females.
- This course will provide insight into how the role of females in the gang world has changed.
- The presentation will assist in better understanding how to respond to manipulation, addiction, anger, and violence often displayed by these females.

Workshop Objectives

1. This session covers counseling/interviewing techniques and pitfalls in working with high-risk female offenders and at-risk juveniles.
2. The different roles females play in gangs and how female gang members have moved from a support role to running some of the most violent gangs in America will also be discussed.
3. This course will further examine violence-prone at-risk girls.
4. How to identify the characteristics and potential for violence for these girls,
 - a. how cultural differences can determine how you should communicate with them
 - b. how gender plays a role
 - c. and how to utilize intervention and prevention techniques

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