



AJFO | MEMBER NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2022

Our 20th Biennial Conference approaches!

The AJFO Executive Committee is pleased to announce that we are **currently accepting applications for agencies interested in co-hosting** the next AJFO Conference to be held Fall 2023!

Since 1985, The Association for Justice-involved Females and Organizations (AJFO) Conference has co-hosted a conference in an effort to educate correctional systems, programs and communities on how to effectively address accountability, competency development and the gender specific needs of women and girls who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Conference attendees represent a diverse array of corrections officers, practitioners, state administrators, policy makers, program directors, women with lived experience, advocates, researchers, and program developers. The conference has traditionally been attended by more than 500 professionals from federal, state and local correctional systems, as well as treatment providers and researchers from the United States, Canada and other countries. *This is the longest-running and one of the few national professional conference that is exclusively focused on women and girls involved with the justice system.* The goal is to provide professionals with resources that support women, strengthen families, and empower communities who are affected by the justice system.

The AJFO conference planning committee is co-chaired by the AJFO Planners, two board members tasked with oversight of conference planning and activities. If you want to learn more about co-hosting the conference, submission requirements, and deadlines, please visit our [website](#) to download the application!



I can promise you that women working together - linked, informed and educated - can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet.

- Isabel Allende

Featured Event

RestoreHER's Inaugural Research Conference

September 30 – October 1 2022
Savannah Historic District, Georgia



"Data Access for Transparency and Accountability (D.A.T.A.) IS LIFE for incarcerated women to provide the human rights of safety, gender equity, and dignity deserved by ALL." ~ Pamela Winn

The focus of the conference is to highlight research and advocacy efforts as they pertain to women and LGBT+ individuals involved in the criminal legal system within the United States. This conference will be the first of its kind utilizing an interdisciplinary approach to share research and collaborate on future research projects of understudied groups. Academics, students, advocates, and directly impacted communities will come together to raise awareness for the importance of transparent and accessible data for incarcerated women.

Virtual options are also available. [Click here to register!](#)

Regional Updates



▶ **Northeast** – [Pennsylvania's](#) criminal justice community is all-in on the science behind positive and adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed practice & policy.



▶ **Midwest** – In [Illinois](#), eighteen local grassroots organizations in Chicago's South Side are receiving annual summer funding for their youth focused on a top priority of residents, trauma resiliency programming, highlighting violence prevention and trauma recovery.



▶ **Western** – For the first time in its history, the [Hawaii](#) Youth Correctional Facility holds no incarcerated girls, due to reforms and community partnerships.



▶ **Southern** – *Justice for Girls Blueprint: The Way Forward for [Florida](#)* was recently released by the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, a 5-year best-practice, girl-centered report that offers reform solutions and scores on the state's progress on implementing policy and practice changes.

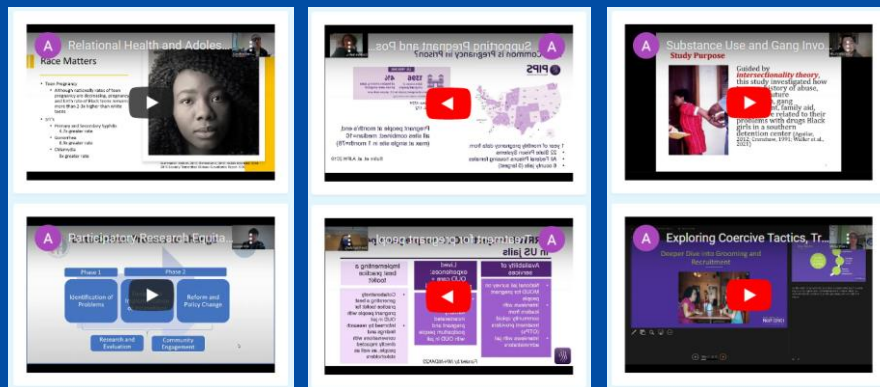


▶ **International** - The new Limerick women's prison, due to open in January 2023, will look unlike any other prison in [Ireland](#) – or England, for that matter.

Community Member Site

There are multiple message boards to **chat and connect**, Coffee & Community podcast episodes to **view**, clubs to **join**, and on-demand recordings of all 2021 presentations to **view**! The content grows as our membership grows and shares what's happening in their world, the resources they rely upon, and the insights that we all can learn from!

We need to include all your knowledge in our community!



Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in serving as a regional chairperson? Regional chairpeople would be responsible for:

- moderating the discussions in the online regional group,
- helping to post thought-provoking questions and conversations topics for the group,
- providing a brief update for this quarterly newsletter that share recent highlights in your region, and/or
- sharing regional events and helping to schedule webinars.

Please contact our [Navigator](#) for more information!

Headlines

[Women's Prisons Are Filled With Domestic Violence Survivors. A New Type of Law Could Help Them Get Out](#)

[Harlem Women's Jail Proposal Knocked By Activists, Scholars](#)

[Hawaii Will Soon Have A Women's Court In An Effort To Reduce Recidivism](#)

[Plants gave her hope in prison and a new life after she left](#)

[A new women's prison is not the answer](#)

[New women's community custody unit to open in Dundee](#)



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