

Maine Model of Corrections: Women's Services

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HSPH Student Placement
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Maine Model of Corrections Overview



Humanized and Person Centered

- Changes to language
- Public health approach to wellness
- Normalization
- Removing stigma



Recent Influences

- Substance use / behavioral health treatment community
- Trauma-informed approach



Proposed Scope of the 2024 Project

Correctional facilities are a unique preventative care delivery environment as they are a structured environment that allows for quality screening, timely follow-up treatment, and care delivery to a population at risk for negative health outcomes such as hepatitis-C, cervical cancer, and STIs.

Qualitative assessment of preventative health care access & delivery within the Maine Women's Center

i.e. cervical cancer and breast cancer screening, sexually transmitted infection (STI) screening, hepatitis screening and vaccination, and smoking cessation

Questions

- What are the **experiences of residents** obtaining preventative health care screening and treatment?
- What are the **perceptions of medical providers and staff** regarding preventative health care delivery processes?
- What are **opportunities to improve** processes and experiences of preventative health care delivery for resident and staff?

Methods

- Resident Focus Groups & Interviews
- Staff Focus Groups & Interviews
- Literature Review
- Policy Exploration

**Note: This is a proposed project, students with interests beyond this scope are encouraged to apply/ reach out to Amanda.



Experience Highlights



Passionate and supportive team dedicated to reducing recidivism and providing high quality, gender and trauma informed care

- Provided guidance on project components and connected me with the people and resources needed to conduct my analysis.



Deepened understanding of health care delivery in correctional settings

- Although my project focused on end of life care, learnings from the MDoC and MCI Framingham team spanned beyond this focus area.
- I was able to visit both the MDoC and MCI Framingham sites and learn about their health care delivery practices and infrastructure.



Research skill development

- Synthesis of literature review
- Focus group planning and execution
- Interview planning and execution
- Qualitative data analysis



2022-2023 Placement Project

End of Life Care Needs Assessment in the Maine Women's Center

Project Purpose:

Identify the gaps and recommendations in creating a robust end of life care program at the Maine Women's Center.

Methods:

- Literature Review
- Site visit to MCI Framingham
- Focus Groups and Interviews at MDoC Women's Center
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Synthesis of Key Findings and Recommendations

Deliverable:

Report documenting literature-based best practices, qualitative research findings, and recommendations



Thank You

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