



Guiding Principles for Gender-Responsive Policies and Practices

Gender

Acknowledge that gender makes a difference.

Environment

Create an environment based on safety, respect, and dignity.

Relationships

Develop policies, practices, and programs that are relational and promote healthy connections to children, family, significant others, and the community.

Services and Supervision

Address substance abuse, trauma, and mental health issues through comprehensive, integrated, and culturally relevant services and appropriate supervision.

Socioeconomic Status

Provide women with opportunities to improve their socioeconomic conditions.

Community

Establish a system of community supervision and reentry with comprehensive, collaborative services.

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