

Special Issue

Correctional Workplace Health, Safety, and Well-Being: Evidence-Based Interventions for Health Promotion

Message from the Guest Editors

Evidence in correctional work health promotion is historically underrepresented. Recent recognition by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics highlights corrections workers as having the highest exposure to nonfatal workplace violence. Morbidity and mortality due to corrections work are significant with established evidence in death by suicide, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and other chronic health conditions. The purpose and role of carceral institutions are slowly evolving from housing people in a punitive way (using force, solitary confinement, and other trauma-inducing activities) to offering rehabilitative, reentry support for community release. The interactions between correctional workers and individuals residing in carceral settings are interrelated and have an impact on both work and community health. In addition, there is a gap in research exploring workplace stressors related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging among correctional workers.

This Special Issue is focused on research to inform future translation of interventions to evidence-based approaches that reduce corrections work stressors and promote community health.

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