DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy Number:	**102.210**
Title:	**Parity for Female Offenders**
Effective Date:	**3/17/20**

PURPOSE: To ensure the range of gender-specific services for female offenders exists in all communities of Minnesota and such services are substantially equivalent to the programming offered to male persons charged with or convicted of crimes or delinquencies.

APPLICABILITY: Department-wide; Community Corrections Act (CCA) counties; and non-CCA counties

DEFINITIONS: None

PROCEDURES:

A. The department ensures that programs for female offenders have a range and quality substantially equivalent to programming offered male persons charged with or convicted of crimes or delinquencies.

B. Procedures are implemented to ensure the department:

1. Provides leadership, direction, and staff services to the Minnesota Department of Corrections Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls;

2. Is a resource to those working with female offenders in the community and for juvenile female offenders committed to the department of corrections (DOC);

3. Makes certain that model programming and investment initiative grant money appropriated by the legislature is fairly distributed and carefully monitored; and

4. Provides advocacy, information, and education about the needs of female offenders in an effort to ensure solutions and parity.

C. Task force meeting minutes are distributed to all task force members and are published on the Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls extranet site.

D. The strategic priorities executive summary is prepared by the DOC task force chair and submitted to the commissioner of corrections. Strategic priorities are published on the Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls extranet site.

E. A gender-responsive curriculum list is developed by the task force and published on the Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls extranet site.

INTERNAL CONTROLS:

A. Task force meeting minutes, strategic priorities executive summary, and the Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls in corrections gender-responsive curriculum list are published on the Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls extranet site.

ACA STANDARDS: 4-4277

REFERENCES: Minn. Stat. §§ 241.70 through 241.73
Advisory Task Force on Justice Involved Women and Girls
Minnesota Task Force on the Female Offender in Corrections Strategic Priorities 2011-2013

REPLACES: Policy 102.210, "Parity for Female Offenders," 1/17/17.
All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: None

APPROVALS:
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Deputy Commissioner, Organizational Services
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