

Girls and Violence and Juvenile Justice

Artz, S. (1998). *Sex, power, & the violent school girl*. Toronto, ON: Trifolium Books. ISBN: 1-895579-41-4. \$24.95. 248 pp.

Artz offers a brief summary of the major theories on girls and violence. She also presents the results of a 1994 violence survey of nearly 1,500 Canadian boys and girls. Finally, she includes the individual stories of seven teenage girls who have used violence or been the victim of violence.

Belknap, J. (1996). *The invisible woman: Gender, crime, and justice*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-15870-6 \$26.95. 290 pp.

This book addresses the following topics: emergence of gender in criminology, criminological theories relating to women and girls, frequency and nature of female offending, the processing of female offenders, the punishment and treatment of female offenders, female victims of male violence and sexual victimization.

Belknap, J., Dunn, M. & Holsinger, K. (1997). *Gender specific services work group: Moving toward juvenile justice and youth-serving systems that address the distinct experience of the adolescent female (A report to the Governor)*. Cincinnati, OH: University of Cincinnati. Additional copies available from Office of Criminal Justice Services, 400 East Town St., Suite 120, Columbus, OH 43215-4242. www.ocjs.state.oh.us. 36 pp.

While this report targets those working with female juvenile offenders in Ohio, it contains useful information and suggestions for anyone working on the issue of girls and violence. In addition to offering an overview of existing research and data on female offenders, this report contains comments from young women currently being served by the Ohio juvenile justice system.

Chaiken, M. (1998). *Kids, COPS, and communities*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. NCJ 169599. 48 pp.

Chaiken describes this document in the following way: "This report is designed to help law enforcement administrators and officers understand and institute a strategy to help prevent violence [through] community-oriented policing services carried out in collaboration with youth-serving organizations."

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Chesney-Lind, M. (1997). *The female offender: Girls, women and crime*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. ISBN: 0-8039-5100-0 \$23.50. 219 pp.

A solid treatment of the issue of girls and the juvenile justice system by one of the leading experts in the field. Chesney-Lind employs both recent statistics and historical data (statistical and anecdotal) to identify the areas in the juvenile justice system that must change to better serve girls.

Chesney-Lind, M., et al. (1998). *Girls at risk: An overview of female delinquency in the fiftieth state, Vol. 2*. Manoa, HI: University of Hawaii. Publication No. 392. Additional copies available from The Center for Youth Research, Social Science Research Institute, University of Hawaii and Manoa. 59 pp.

The follow up report to Volume I offers a great deal more theory addressing girls and the juvenile justice system. A number of programs working in this area are described. The checklist of girls' needs will be especially useful to those working directly with youth.

Fried, S. and Fried, P. (1998). *Bullies & victims: Helping your child through the schoolyard battlefield*. New York, NY: M. Evans and Company, Inc. ISBN: 0-87131-840-7. \$14.95. 240 pp.

Fried outlines circumstances in which children may become the targets of bullying and suggests methods for children, parents, youth development workers and school officials to deal with these situations. Indispensable in the wake of the Littleton tragedy.

Girls Incorporated. (1996). *Prevention and parity: Girls in juvenile justice*. New York, NY: Author. ISBN: 1-57679-049-5. Additional copies available from Girls Incorporated National Resource Center. (800)374-4475 x33. \$12.00 plus \$2.00 shipping & handling. 50 pp.

Girls Incorporated research on this issue includes a joint project with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) that resulted in a conference and this publication. The report, published in 1996, continues to provide a basis for understanding how violence affects girls and how girls wind up in the juvenile justice system.

Kaufman, P., et al. (1998). *Indicators of school crime and safety, 1998*. Washington, DC: U.S. Departments of Education and Justice. NCEES 98-251. Additional copies available from Kathryn Chandler (202) 219-1767 or kathryn_chandler@ed.gov. 161 pp.

This source profiles student and teacher reports of nonfatal victimization, violence and crime at school (including violent deaths) and safety issues in the school environment (e.g. gang presence, percentages of students carrying weapons and principals' reports of discipline problems).



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Kay, P., Estepa, A. and Desetta, A., Eds. (1998). *Things get hectic: Teens write about the violence that surrounds them*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster. ISBN: 0-684-83754-4. \$13.00. 282 pp.

This book is a collection of first-person stories and essays on violence. Each one is written by an American teenager living in a place where the constant threat of violence is a normal part of life. Topics include domestic violence, the loss of loved ones, anger, violence in the media, sexual harassment and abuse and the relationship between cops and kids.

Kempf-Leonard, K., Peterson, E. and Sample, L. (1997). *Gender and juvenile justice in Missouri*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis. Additional copies can be acquired from: Missouri Juvenile Justice Specialist, Department of Public Safety, Box 749 Truman Bldg., Jefferson City, MO 65102. (573) 636-6101. Free. 120 pp.

Using data from “all referrals to Missouri juvenile and family courts between 1992 and 1995,” this report clearly delineates the sentencing of status offense and abuse and neglect cases involving juveniles. It also presents demographic information on the persons involved. A section on the perceptions of adolescent females on violence-related issues is enlightening.

Klein, M., Maxson, C. and Miller, J. (1995). *The modern gang reader*. Los Angeles, CA: Roxbury Publishing Company. ISBN: 0-935732-66-7. \$45.95. 333 pp.

Examining this issue from a number of angles, this collection of articles offers a solid general introduction to the youth gangs issue. The chapters on female gang involvement are especially useful.

Krisberg, B. and Austin, J. (1993). *Reinventing juvenile justice*. Newbury Park, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc. ISBN: 0-8039-4829-8. \$22.95. 212 pp.

The President and Executive Director of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) teamed up to produce this document. This book covers the history of juvenile justice in the United States, the structure and operation of the current system, the effect of gender and race on arrest and sentencing, successful programs and proposed future directions for juvenile justice.

Males, M. (1999). *Framing Youth: 10 Myths About The Next Generation*. Monroe, ME: Common Courage Press. ISBN: 1567511481. \$18.95. 391 pp.

Deconstructing ten of the most common myths commonly held by media and government officials, this book “shows the reader what teens are really like, and what they really need.” Males looks at youth violence rates throughout this century and compares current violence rates among youth and adults. Males breaks out these statistics by gender where possible.

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Males, M. (1996). *The scapegoat generation: America's war on adolescents*. Monroe, ME: Common Courage Press. ISBN: 1-56751-080-9. \$17.95. 329 pp.

This book addresses many of the false assumptions made about today's teens. This fresh perspective on some of the statistics and "truths" about teens provides the reader with a different framework with which to filter news about today's teens – including violence.

Morton, J.B., Ed. (1998). *Complex challenges, collaborative solutions: Programming for adult and juvenile female offenders*. Baltimore, MD: United Book Press. ISBN: 1-56991-081-2 \$29.95. 240 pp.

Written for those working in the juvenile justice system, this book reviews some of the major violence issues affecting girls who enter the juvenile justice system. Among other topics, sexual abuse, violence prevention and prostitution are addressed. Some examples of programs serving girls in the juvenile justice system are profiled.

Muraskin, R. and Alleman, T. (1999). *It's a crime: Women and justice (2 Ed)*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Regents/Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0-13-011389-1. \$32.75. 426 pp.

Written for professionals in the criminal justice and legal fields, this book addresses women as offenders, victims and criminal justice professionals. "[V]arious aspects of gender issues, including sex roles, sex differences and concepts of masculinity and femininity" are also studied.

B.R. (1997). *Female offenders: An annotated bibliography*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. ISBN: 0-313-29228-0 \$79.50. 264 pp.

This resource includes a chapter on female juvenile offenders, which lists hundreds of books and journal articles on this topic.

Prothrow-Stith, D. and Weissman, M. (1993). *Deadly consequences: How violence is destroying our teenage population and a plan to begin solving the problem*. New York, NY: Harper Perennial. ISBN: 0-06-092402-0. \$13.00. 269 pp.

Written by one of the leading experts on violence prevention, this book starts with the assumption that while anger is instinctual, violence is a learned behavior that can be unlearned.

Sickmund, M., Snyder, H. and Poe-Yamagata, E. (1997). *Juvenile offenders and victims: 1997 update on violence*. Pittsburgh, PA: National Center for Juvenile Justice. NCJ: 165703. 47 pp. Additional Copies available free from NCJ (800) 638-8736 or online at <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles/juvoff.pdf>

This resource takes a fairly comprehensive look at national statistics on juvenile justice offenders, juvenile victims and the juvenile justice system.

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Sikes, G. (1998). *8 ball chicks: A year in the violent world of girl gangs*. New York, NY: Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc. ISBN: 0-385-47432-6. \$14.95. 276 pp.

Sikes presents the stories of a handful of girl gang members in Los Angeles, San Antonio and Milwaukee. Her approach helps the reader to better understand the situations in which these young women find themselves, the decisions they make and the strategies they use to cope with their environments.

Tjaden, P. and Thoennes, N. (1998). *Prevalence, incidence, and consequences of violence against women: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. NCJ 172837. Additional copies available from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Washington, DC 20531. 16 pp.

This report from the U.S. Department of Justice details the results of the National Violence Against Women Survey conducted in 1995 and 1996. This is a very useful source of statistics on violence against women.

Tucker, J. and Wolfe, L. (1997). *Victims no more: Girls fight back against male violence*. Washington, DC: Center for Women Policy Studies. ISBN: 1-877966-42-8. Additional copies available from Center for Women Policy Studies, 1211 Connecticut Ave, NW, Ste, 312, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 872-1770. HN4066@handsnet.org. \$10.00 30 pp.

Covering such topics as sexual harassment, teen battering, domestic violence, acquaintance rape, homicide and existing research on violent girls, this resource is a terrific introduction to the issues of violence that American girls face.