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EDUCATION

Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, with minor studies in Business Administration and Clinical Psychology, 1975

MA in Psychology, San Jose State University, San Jose California, 1971

BA in Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, 1968

CREDENTIALS

Licensed Psychologist, States of Colorado and California

Certified Auditor, American Association and Commission on Accreditation for Corrections

EXPERIENCE

Dr. West is an experienced professional who blends the unique skills of psychology, corrections, organization development, management and administration into practical real world applications on complex issues.

Consultant

June 2002 to Present

Provide consulting services for public and private sector organizations. Services include consultation in the following:

- Psychological Services and Mental Health Care Systems in Correctional Facilities.
- Conditions of Confinement in Correctional Facilities
- Expert Witness Services in Psychological Services and Mental Health Care in Prisons and Jails.
- Expert Witness Services in Conditions of Confinement as they affect staff, inmates and other related parties

State of Colorado, Department of Corrections

January, 1995-June 2002

June, 1999 to June, 2002

Deputy Director-Special Operations & Community Services
Colorado Department of Corrections
2862 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Responsible for eight prisons, statewide Parole, Community Corrections, Medical, Mental Health, Education and Community Reintegration Services. The prisons were designed for the special needs inmates including the following:

- Reception and diagnostic facility for offenders entering the Department of Corrections from County Jails,
- Facility for Seriously Mentally Ill Offenders,
- Three women's prisons,
- The prison for youth adjudicated as adults,
- The prison for geriatric and medically infirm offenders.

The security level of these prisons ranged from minimum to maximum security as did the custody levels of the offenders. Responsible for over 6,000 offenders and 2,000 employees including eight wardens.

Responsible as a senior executive for overall strategic planning and leadership within the department and relations with related agencies such as sheriffs, the legislature and the community at large. Responsible for representing the Colorado Department of Corrections nationally with American Correctional Association including standards development.

August, 1987 to June, 1999

Regional Director
Colorado Department of Corrections
2862 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Responsible for seven prisons in Canon City and subsequently responsible for all special needs prisons.

January, 1995 to August 1997 **Warden/Project Director**

Denver Women's Correctional Facility
3600 Havana Street
Denver, Colorado

Designed and programmed a 900 bed women's prison. Responsible for the oversight of architectural and engineering contractors and construction.

March, 1992 to January, 1995 **Correctional Program Specialist**
U. S. Department of Justice
Longmont, Colorado

Assigned to the Academy Division of the National Institute of Corrections. Provided consultative and development training to state, federal, local and community corrections executives.

August, 1986 to March, 1992 **Warden**
Menard Psychiatric Prison
Chester, Illinois

Male, maximum security 400 bed prison for mentally disordered felons and sexually dangerous persons.

1983 to 1986 **Assistant Director and Director of Mental Health Services**
Penitentiary of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Responsible for the development and administration of a Mental Health residential treatment unit and the administration of all mental health services for the prison. This was in accordance with the Federal Consent Decree following the 1980 riot.

1975 to 1983 **Practicing Psychologist**

PUBLICATIONS

West, M., Gomez, B., Miller J., “*Colorado Department of Corrections’ Youthful Offender System*”, Journal of Best Practices, American Correctional Association, 2001

West, M., Hromas, S. and Wenger, P. *Sex Offender Treatment Programs: A fifty State Survey*, 2000

West, M., “*Building Executive Staff*” A View from the Trenches. A manual for Wardens by Wardens, 1999

Giamp, J., West, M., “*Delivering Psychological Services to Incarcerated Developmentally Disabled Men*”, A Practitioners Guide to Correctional Psychology, Civic Research Institute, 2002

Stahl, E., West M. “*Facilities for Mentally Ill Inmates: A Growing Population of Mentally Ill Offenders Redefines Design Priorities for Correctional Facilities*”, Corrections Today, June, 2001

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

West, M., Stahl, E., "*Design in Managing the Mentally Ill Offender*", American Correctional Association, 2001

West, M., "*The Foal Gentling Program for Women Offenders*", Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice Conference, 2001

West, M., "*Reintegration. A Systems Approach to Offender Management*", Colorado Department of Corrections, 2000.

West, M. "*Super-max and Maximum Security Prisons*", National Institute of Corrections, 2000.

CONSULTANT FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

- Alaska Department of Corrections, Facility Mission Change, 1998
- California Department of Corrections, Assessment of Services for the Mentally Ill Offenders, 2001
- Iowa Department of Corrections, Assessment of Services for the Mentally Ill Offenders, 2001
- Minnesota Department of Corrections, Transition of a Unit in a Correctional Facility to a Faith-based Program, 2002
- Missouri Department of Corrections, Western Missouri Correctional Center, Cultural Assessment, May 2004
- New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Sexual Harassment Assessment, 2001
- Nevada Department of Corrections, Special Needs Offenders, 2001
- Washington Department of Corrections, Implementation of the Offender Accountability Act, 2002-2003
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Mentally Ill Offenders in Administrative Segregation, 2003
- Puerto Rico Administration of Corrections, Conditions of Confinement, 2003 to 2006

EXPERT LEGAL CONSULTANT

- McKnight (Estate of Brooks Thomas) vs. South Carolina Department of Corrections, et al, pending 2009
- Michael Dantrassy vs. Board of County Commissioners of Kay County Oklahoma et al, pending 2009
- Estate of Joseph Keohane vs. Lancaster County Prison, et al, pending 2009
- Brian Barksdale vs. West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Authority, et al, pending 2009
- Jacqueline Richey vs. Cochise County, Cochise County, Arizona, pending 2008
- Alejandro Tellez vs. Cochise County, Cochise County, Arizona, settled 2008
- Patricia Villanueva vs. Corrections Corporation of America, Grants New Mexico, Settled June, 2005
- Jane Doe vs. Boston House of Corrections, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, Settled March, 2004
- Arapahoe County, Colorado, James Terry vs. Arapahoe County, Settled 2003
- Green vs. State of Montana, Department of Youth Corrections Services, Settled December, 2002

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Mental Health Monitor for the Montana Department of Corrections under Federal Consent Decree, 1995 to 2000
- Member, Advisory Task Force to the Colorado Legislature Interim Committee on the Study of Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System, 2000 to 2004
- Chairperson of ACA Task Force: Youthful Violent Offenders in Adult Jails and Prisons, 2000 to 2002
- Chairperson of ACA Exemplary Practices Committee, 2004 to 2006

- Curriculum Development for the National Institute of Corrections, 1992 to 1995
 - A Systems Approach to Treating the Mentally Ill Offender
 - A Systems Approach to Treating the Substance Abusing Offender
 - Security Audits
 - Prison Security
 - Deputy Director's Training
 - Leadership Training
 - New Wardens' Training

- Professional member of American Correctional Association, 1987 to present

- Board of Directors, Association of Women Executives in Corrections, 2002 to present