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**As The Key Turns: The Changing Role of Women as American Corrections Executives**

Women have a long history of working in corrections, which was the first career open to women in the field of criminal justice. This book will first discuss the historical role of women in corrections and explore how their role in the field has changed, allowing them to enter the executive ranks of sex integrated institutions. Although women comprise a small percentage of corrections executives, their numbers continue to grow. Based on primary data collected via interviews by the author, this book will outline the motivations, perceptions of effectiveness and challenges women corrections leaders face in one of the most traditionally masculinized environments.