



The Missouri Juvenile Justice Association proudly announces a

FREE Girl Matters & SAVVY Sisters Training

Date: July 17, 2015 ~ 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Place: Ozarks Small Business Incubator

408 Washington Avenue, West Plains, MO 65775



Understanding gender differences with a focus on creating a gender responsive culture in the context of what matters to girls

The bulk of the **Girl Matters** Training will focus on creating a gender responsive culture by aligning gender responsive theories with the life experiences of girls. The fundamentals of a gender responsive culture will be explored in the context of what matters to girls. The focus areas are based on findings in current research, gender responsive theory and practical experience with girls and young women. These building blocks are not meant to be all inclusive, instead, they are designed to introduce staff to the fundamentals of a gender responsive environment that is designed to value and improve outcomes for girls and women.

The Core Building Blocks include: Safety Matters, Communication Matters, Relationship Matters, Emotion Matters, Trauma and Drama Matters and Identity Matters

Programming Building Blocks include: Brain Matters, Body Matters, Sex Matters, Spiritual Matters, Living Environment Matters, Social Support Matters, Career and Vocational Matters and Motherhood/Parenting Matters

The **SAVVY Sisters** workshop is the practical application of the **Girl Matters** curriculum. The SAVVY program model focuses on girls' protective factors within a gender-responsive program environment through a holistic approach. The Curriculum is intended to increase knowledge and skills to address girls' pathways into the juvenile justice system. Together, the components of the model address responsively (positive performance system and staff approach) and specifically (individualized treatment and care management) toward improving outcomes with girls.

To register please complete the attached registration form

Training Objectives

1. To introduce professionals to the core concepts, theories, and practical interventions that promote a gender responsive culture and effective interventions.
2. To challenge professionals to think about the importance of their relationships and interactions with girls and young women.
3. To serve as a catalyst for change in how professionals think about, respond to and provide services for girls and young women.
4. All participants will receive a copy of the Girl Matters Manual and hard disc copy of the SAVVY Sisters manual and curriculum.