

Dr. Joann Brown Morton

Dr. Morton's 40-year career in corrections was divided between managing staff development and system improvement programs at the University of Georgia's Institute of Government, standards/policy implementation and other system wide program improvements at the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and teaching and research at the University of South Carolina. Throughout her long career, she has been dedicated to improvement of services for women offenders and committed to equal opportunities for women employees in the field.

Some of her activities and achievements related to female offenders include:

- Developed the first multi-agency workshop on female offenders given in the Southeast in 1971.
- In conjunction with Annabelle Mitchell and the late Dr. Laurel Rans, in 1976, formed the Association on Programs to address issues related to female offenders and those working with them nation-wide.
- Served as APFO's first President and most recently served as President from 2000 – 2008.
- Chaired the 6th National Conference on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders in 1995 and continued as a national board member and mentor to other conference chairs.
- Drafted the nation's first ACA correctional policy on female offenders and coordinated its adoption by the Association. She also drafted the update adopted in 2005.
- Developed the first course on women in corrections which included issues related to adult and juvenile female offenders and women employees in corrections offered by the University of South Carolina and also the first course on domestic violence. A number of the over 100 masters' thesis and portfolios she directed during her tenure involved increasing knowledge and better practices relative to female offenders.
- Served as a consultant for several state and federal agencies on issues related to female offenders, and developed and presented numerous regional and national presentations and workshops on female offenders.
- Wrote over 20 articles and 3 books on the subject of women employees and/or female offenders. Published her latest book Working with Women Offenders in Correctional Institutions in 2004.
- Helped form and co-chaired with Judy Anderson, the South Carolina Correctional Association's Task Force on Female Offenders.

Joann has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton Virginia, a Masters in Education from Austin Peay University in Clarkesville, Tennessee, and a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Georgia.

She has received numerous awards during her career and was the first of only two persons to receive ACA's two highest awards – The E. R. Cass Award for Correctional Achievement and the Peter Lejins Research Award.

She is married, has one son and two grandsons, and currently splits her time between South Carolina and Maine.