



Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program

Mobile Team Unit 15

Training Announcement

| Name of Training | Class ID# | Course ID# |
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| Pregnant Inmates — Illinois (PM) | 200355 | 72166 |

| Date(s) of Training | Time | Hours | Location |
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| September 18, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm | 4 | Crawford County Forest Preserve 5886 E 1050th Avenue Robinson, IL |

Course Description

This four hour training has been designed to address the issues of pregnant inmates who are incarcerated in Illinois jails and prisons. Through ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) advocacy and litigation, some differences are mandated when providing custodial care for pregnant inmates in Illinois and across the country.

The emergency civil rights lawsuit filed on behalf of women's constitutional rights while pregnant and in custody. There is an increase throughout the country of pregnant inmates in jails and prisons. The United States has the largest population of incarcerated women in the world, with approximately 112,000 women in federal or state prisons and another 110,000 in jails. There is a call for gender-responsive policies and programs in custodial settings, including the development and implementation of programs that meet the unique needs of pregnant woman.

Course Objectives

To be able to identify:

- ✓ Understand the differences between pregnant and non-pregnant inmates
- ✓ Understanding special needs of pregnant inmates in jails and prisons
- ✓ Understand the Illinois law regarding treatment of pregnant inmates
- ✓ Understand constitutional rights held by pregnant inmates
- ✓ Understand the role that the doula provided for pregnant inmates
- ✓ Understand the changes in the policy regarding restraints
- ✓ Understand the balance between empathy and boundaries
- ✓ Understand IDOC "Moms and Babies" program
- ✓ Understanding emotional and psychological needs of pregnant inmates

Instructor



Gail P. Sullivan graduated from Loyola University (BA) and DePaul University (MA) with honors. She has worked in the field of social services and criminal justice for the past 25 years in the private and public sectors. She has provided therapy to 100 employees (Illinois certified) to serve the needs of sexually traumatized and problematic children under the age of 12 years. As an expert, she has sat on the States Attorney Task Force for the Mass Molestation of Children and the Cook County Child Death Review Team. She has developed curriculum that meets State requirements for the certification of juvenile police officers. She provides training for the Cook County Adult Probation Department, Illinois Crisis Intervention Team and Homeland Security, as well as MTUs across the state.

Other Information

This class is generously being funded by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Mandates Met by this Training

Crisis Intervention, Human Rights, Legal Updates, and Procedural Justice

This class is certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board