

## **Annotation**

### Some Penitentiary Specifics of Imprisoned Women

(Specification of sentenced women)

This dissertation work describes two groups of incarcerated women: first long-term imprisoned women, second-imprisoned mothers with their children.

The criminal behaviour of women differs from the male criminality. The most often penal behaviour are thefts, pick pocketing, illegal exploitation of employees, mislabeling of goods, evading corporate taxes, suborning and in the last time different sorts of violent crimes like robberies, homicides etc tends to increase.

Special kind of imprisoned women are offenders of impostures and organized crime (prostitution, trade with children and drugs).

We also have a higher prison population than many other European countries.

Each of these groups of sentenced women needs special sort of treatment and sometimes therapy or medical care. There are two female prisons in the ČR – in Opava and Světlá nad Sázavou.

In Opava prison there are women sentenced to all four kinds of security including middle and high security type of prison. There is also the unit for drug depend inmates and the inmates with personality disorder. It is always a good thing that near the prison there is one of the best psychiatrically clinics in the Czech Republic. In these nowadays detention institute is established.

In Světlá nad Sázavou prison there are the women sentenced to middle and high security type of prison. There are units for inmates with personality disorders, mental retardation, inmates who are permanently incapable to work and drug depended. There is also the unit for mothers with small children.

The treatment and following education of these women is based on respecting of psychological specialties of women – because women are more emotional than men, many of them are mothers and being without their children causes them enormous stress.

The special treatment is necessary for the mental retarded inmates, because of bullying from the others.

The drug depend inmates are placed in the drug free wings (drug free unit) and they try to get rid of drug dependence.

Having discussed this problem with some of these inmates during my research of the drug depend people in prison, we were very often said they are not sure about not relapsing after leaving the prison.

Unfortunately, this circumstance leads very often to a big disappointment of the prison educational staff who tries its best to stop definitely their criminal behavior.

We describe our survey of women prisoners. We founded that many of women prisoners had been

unemployed before entering prison, some of them had educational problems and many of them were physically or sexually abused. Some women reported heavy use of or addiction to drugs. All these themes we describe in my dissertation.