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## **An Overview of Indigenous Women In Corrections**

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### ***Abstract***

The focus of this workshop is on programs for Indigenous women. The issues affecting Indigenous women are often the very same issues confronted prior to, and in some cases during imprisonment. The inter connections between these experiences prior to and during imprisonment must be borne in mind when considering what are the most beneficial programs to deliver.

Education at Emu Plains Correctional Centre, together with TAFE has tried to address the needs of aboriginal women focusing on developing cultural awareness, Literacy and Numeracy skills and vocational opportunities.

The success (or otherwise) of these programs will be discussed and there will be opportunities for everyone to contribute to the discussion and make suggestions as to the best practice for aboriginal women.

### ***References***

Social Justice Report 2004