

Angela M. Wolf

Dr. Angela “Angie” M. Wolf is a senior researcher at the National Council on Crime And Delinquency. She has over 15 years of experience in community-based program Evaluation and public policy research and has directed research and program work on The prevention of gang violence, policing, child abuse and children exposed to trauma, Intimate partner violence, offender treatment programs, and female offenders. She has Authored peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and other publications on Juvenile offending, incarcerated women and girls, and domestic violence.

Currently, Wolf’s work is targeted in two areas: conditions of confinement and treatment in residential Settings; and gang violence prevention and intervention. She is a co-author of an Integrated Behavior Treatment Model written under the direction of Court-appointed experts, as required in the lawsuit against The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The goal of this project is to develop a model that is effective with and appropriate for DJJ’s population of older, serious, and violent offenders, and importantly, is evidence-based and in alignment with current best practices. Wolf was responsible for collaborating with a variety of stakeholders and leading a work group to build support for the model.

She has extensive experience with issues related to gang violence and crime and currently directs all of NCCD’s gang work including The California Cities Gang Prevention Network, a network of California Cities implementing comprehensive gang prevention, intervention, and suppression plans. Her work includes collaboration with cities’ interdisciplinary teams, which are required to involve law enforcement Leadership as well as community voices. Assistance to cities includes identifying best practices and helping cities incorporate these practices into their strategic plans. Now in its fourth year, the Network is well-positioned to affect gang-related policy at the local, state, and national levels. She has also directed The Street Outreach Project, a research project focusing on the gang intervention strategy using street outreach workers.

Wolf’s interests also include programming and policies supporting children exposed to violence and trauma. She conducted the recent evaluation of a San Francisco police protocol directing police officers in practices supporting children of arrested parents. She worked closely with leadership to implement the protocol and to develop training strategies for officers.

Recent gender-specific projects include The California Women in Prison Study, which examined women in prison in California with a special emphasis on health care; the Florida Girls Study, a project examining girls in the juvenile justice system which assisted the state of Florida in closing their largest facility for girls; and The Delaware Girls Initiative, a project working with key leaders and stakeholders to implement a research-based, comprehensive strategy for girls in Delaware’s juvenile justice system.

Wolf, who is based in Austin, Texas, has considerable experience directing national, multisite research and technical assistance efforts. Specifically, she served as the principal investigator for the OJJDP-funded national evaluation of child abuse reduction programs run by Parents Anonymous®, the only federally-funded child abuse prevention program in the United States. Other multisite efforts include the national evaluation of the National Resource Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents, the Workforce Turnover Study, the Nationwide Human Service

and Employment Study, the national evaluation of Community Assessment Centers, and the Hawaii Youth Recidivism Study. Wolf holds a B.S. in Psychology from Texas A&M University and both a Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Ecological-Community Psychology from Michigan State University. Her dissertation topic was “The Effect of Exposure to Domestic Violence on Children: A Longitudinal Examination of Children’s Outcomes.” Her master’s thesis was on “The Impact of Peer Mediation as a Violence Prevention Curriculum.”