



Juvenile Justice Resume

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Karen L. Chinn is the Founding Principal of Chinn Planning Inc., a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) certified consulting firm located in Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. Chinn has wide experience in needs assessment, program evaluation, operational analyses, system master planning, and facility programming for criminal justice, juvenile justice, law enforcement, human service, health care, and general government agencies.

Over twenty-five years of experience in government and public sector consulting are reflected in Ms. Chinn's approach to meeting her client's needs. By working in partnership with clients, Ms. Chinn seeks to build a consensus on workable solutions for improving service delivery through effective use of limited resources.

She is a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, American Correctional Association, American Jail Association, National Partnership for Juvenile Service, American Planning Association, National Association of Counties and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Ms. Chinn has served on committees, made presentations, and participated in workshops with these organizations.

Ms. Chinn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (1978) and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning degree (1982) from the University of Illinois. She also attended the George Washington University, School of Government and Business Administration, Department of Urban and Regional Planning in Washington, DC, with a concentration in policy analysis and program evaluation. In addition, she has instructed graduate students on computer-based analysis, survey research techniques, public policy analysis and evaluation research.

Some of the juvenile projects directed by Ms. Chinn include:

- Tulsa County (OK), Juvenile Justice Center Facility Program
 - State of California Core Treatment Program Revisions and Design Review Services
 - State of California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Northern California Core Treatment Facility Program
 - State of South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Report to the Court – Assessment of Progress and Plan for Future Development (2009, 2007, and 2005)
 - State of Arkansas Division of Youth Services Juvenile Operational and Facilities Master Plan
 - Nebraska Statewide Juvenile Corrections Master Plan Update
 - Mecklenburg County (NC), Jail Expansion Program for Juvenile Offender Housing
 - State of New Hampshire Architecturally Secure Care Juvenile Facility Program & Design Plan
 - Sedgwick County (KS), Juvenile Courts and Detention Facility Program Plan
 - Cuyahoga County/Cleveland (OH), Juvenile Intervention Center Facility Program
 - City of Philadelphia (PA), New Youth Center Facility Program Plan and Site Evaluation
 - Sarpy County (NE), Juvenile Justice Needs Assessment Master Plan and Detention Facility Program
 - Washoe County (NV), Juvenile Justice Center Needs Assessment and Detention Facility Program
 - Westmoreland County (PA), Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System Study and Detention Facility Program
 - Lancaster County (NE), Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System Study and Detention Facility Program
 - State of South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice Master Plan
 - State of Idaho Juvenile Justice Master Plan and Manpower Study
 - Maricopa County (AZ), Juvenile Detention System Master Plan
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Related Projects (continued)

- Ingham County (MI), Action Plan for Juvenile Detention Services
- Dane County (WI), Juvenile Justice System Assessment
- Charleston County (SC), Needs Assessment for Secure Juvenile Detention
- Laurens County (SC), Regional Juvenile Detention Needs Assessment Study
- Calhoun County (MI), Juvenile Justice Master Plan
- Lake County (IL), Juvenile Justice Master Plan
- State of North Carolina Youth Detention Center Prototype Detention Program
- State of Nebraska, YRTC Kearney Housing Unit Expansion Plan
- State of Nebraska Juvenile Correctional System Master Plan
- State of Nebraska Juvenile Detention System Assessment and Master Plan
- State of Nebraska Juvenile Parole Revocation Facility Program
- King County/Seattle (WA), Juvenile Operational Master Plan
- Monroe County (IN), Juvenile Justice Master Plan
- Polk County (IA), Youth Detention Center Needs Assessment and Detention Facility Program
- Caddo/Bossier Parish (LA), Juvenile Needs Assessment and Regional Detention Center Facility Program
- State of Colorado, Division of Youth Corrections Operational Master Plan
- State of Colorado Department of Corrections Youth Offender System Facility Program
- State of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Maximum Security Violent Offender Juvenile Facility Program
- Chesterfield County (VA), Juvenile Detention Home Needs Assessment and Planning Study
- State of Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Secure Youth Confinement Facility Program
- City of Baltimore (MD), Juvenile Detention Center Facility Program
- Outagamie County (WI), Juvenile Offender Master Plan
- McHenry County (IL), Secure Juvenile Detention Assessment
- Montgomery County (OH), Juvenile Court Operations Review
- State of New Jersey Juvenile Correctional Master Plan
- Cuyahoga County/Cleveland (OH), Continuum of Juvenile Detention Services Plan
- DuPage County (IL), Juvenile Justice System Master Plan and Disproportionate Minority Confinement Assessment
- Forsyth County, (NC) Juvenile Treatment Facility Analysis

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

- *"Taking Aim at the Revolving Door: Successful Prisoner Reentry", AIA 2009 AAJ Fall Conference, Beyond the Horizon: The Next Generation of Justice, Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 2009.*
 - *"Taking Conceptual Planning to Design for CDCR Reentry Facilities - What Will They Look Like?" The 15th Annual International Community Corrections Association Research Conference, October 30, 2007.*
 - *"Bells and Whistles: Designing Facilities for Female Offenders. Trends and Needs of the Juvenile Female Offender Population", American Corrections Association, 2003 Summer Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.*
 - *"Juvenile Justice Prevention and Detention", The American Institute of Architects Committee on Architecture for Justice "The Juvenile Facility Partnerships: Leading Edge Collaboration & Technology", Charlotte, North Carolina, October 5, 2000.*
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CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS (continued)

- *"Designing Facilities and Programs for Special Needs Offender: Lessons Learned from New Castle, Indiana"*, American Corrections Association, 2000 Winter Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- *"The Juvenile System's Overriding Issues"*, The American Institute of Architects Committee on Architecture for Justice "The Juvenile Justice System: Change as a Constant", Denver, Colorado, March 1998.
- *"Strategic Planning for a Pre-Trial Juvenile Justice System"*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges "25th National Conference on Juvenile Justice", Orlando, Florida, March 1998.
- *"Conducting a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System Assessment"*, Nebraska Association of County Officials, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1998.
- *"Planning and Programming Juvenile Facilities Workshop"*, Heartland Juvenile Services Training Institute Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, August 1995.
- *"Conducting a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System Assessment Workshop"*, Heartland Juvenile Services Training Institute Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, August 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

- *"Operational/Architectural Programming – Juveniles"*, American Corrections Association – *Planning and Design Guide for Secure Adult and Juvenile facilities*, 1999.
- *"In Search of Security: National Trends in Juvenile Violence,"* *Corrections Today*, American Correctional Association, Vol. 58, No. 4, July 1996.

CHINN PLANNING IN THE NEWS

- "Budget Cuts Eroding Progress in Juvenile Justice", New York Times, July 11, 2009.
 - "Staffing New Jail Puts Another Crimp in Calaveras' Budget", Calaveras Record (California), June 17, 2009.
 - "Report: Juvenile Justice Cuts Threaten Court Fight", The State Newspaper (Columbia, SC), February 12, 2009.
 - "New Jail Won't Meet County Population Projections", Lincoln Journal Star, June 24, 2008.
 - "Report: Close Youth Lockup Legislators Urged to Rebuild Alexander, Mansfield Center", Arkansas News Gazette, December 19, 2006.
 - Correctional Building News Facility of the Month, "Nebraska Builds First Secure Juvenile Correctional Facility," November/December 1998.
 - Architectural Record, "Detention Facilities – Locking Them Up: Is getting tough the Best Way to Approach Prison Design? Or Should Facilities Respond to the Needs of the Populations Detained," December 1998.
 - Profiles (Shive Hattery Publication, September 2002), "Giving Youth a Second Chance: Polk County Juvenile Detention."
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