

Donna Ann Smith-Marshall

Donna Ann Smith-Marshall is a native of California. She is a wife, mother, writer, publisher, motivational speaker, prison reform activist, and author of **"TIME ON THE INSIDE: Behind The Walls In A Maximum Security Women's Prison From An Insider's View."**

Donna Ann has worked for the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) and General Services Administration (GSA) government agencies prior to going into healthcare which she then worked in management for King-Drew Medical Center as a Program Administrator in Pediatrics, and as a Supervisor for Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, and Healthy Families Program for Molina Healthcare, a combination of 15 years between these employers.

Donna Ann has lived and worked in the United States Largest Maximum Security Women's Prison, Central California Women's Facility in Northern California, where she processed newcomers and parolees into prison. She handled the relocation of inmates to various housing units during their sentencing to balance out the inmate yards, as well as resolved/prevented conflicts between inmates. She also handled secretarial services for the kitchen management. Donna Ann was also responsible for processing non-inmate men and women—civilians to come into the prison to handle numerous business accounts within the Prison Industry Association.

Donna Ann has been a viable part of inmate reform and youth prevention as she served on the CCWF Women's Advisory Committee, which works as a go-between for inmates and prison officials to build a better understanding of inmates' needs and concerns and to organize various committees and organizations to prevent prison disturbances or outbreaks, as well as, to assist in any community efforts to deter youth from a life of crime which will ultimately lead them into the penal system.

Donna has made her life transparent that she may help others.

Topics: Women in Prison, Youth and the Penal System, The Challenge of Change, Motivation, Empowerment, Spiritual Growth, Nonfiction Writing

Target Audiences: Schools, Universities, Associations, Corporations, Churches, Religious Groups

Her informative, inspiring messages help attendees:

- Understand the various areas that plague women
- The problems within the California Penal System
- Developing and enhancing self-esteem
- Succeeding in the face of uncertainty
- Understanding that we are all different and not everyone has the same opportunities as others
- Learning to forgive, having compassion and our role in helping others, and making this world a better place
- Realizing that jail and prison is often a very expensive way of making bad situations worse

Individuals leave Donna Ann's presentations knowledgeable and inspired as she helps her audience to understand that a much needed awareness of compassion and rehabilitation is a necessity to help with the social and economical barriers many individuals face which ultimately lead them into a life of crime, into the penal system and/or down roads that travel to chaos, destruction and despair that can take years to come out of, if it all.

Most Requested Presentations

Women in Prison: A Growing Trend

Women are going to prison today more than ever. Donna Ann takes you vividly behind the walls into the United States Largest Maximum Security Women's Prison and tells you directly "Why So Many Women Are Going To Prison Today More Than Ever and What Goes On Inside If You Are One Of Them."

The System is Preparing for You! Who? Today's Youth

Many of our youth are doing innumerable crimes which will take them right into jail and prison and great majorities are making disappointing life choices. Some of the same issues and problems have been in existence for many years. These problems have caused the juvenile halls, jails and prisons to become a breeding ground for drugs, sex, violence, deaths and comfortability where a number of individuals have fallen victim too and have conformed too institutionalism as a means and way of life. Donna Ann talks candidly to teens and young adults about the system, the challenges of life and how to overcome and WIN!

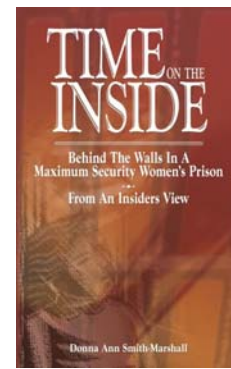
The Challenge of Change: Systematic Point of View

Change can be hard, especially when you are in the system (penal) or a part of it, be it inmate or civilian; however Donna Ann believes, "that if everyday we all do things to the best of our ability, then all of our daily experiences will be successes. If any of us cheat or don't do our best, then our experiences will have a negative impact". Donna Ann speaks humbly that compassion, rehabilitation and society's forgiveness and help is a must, and that change is not as hard as we make it to be.

There's Hope: Standing on Faith Can Transform Your Life

Donna Ann talks openly about how faith and trust in God will change your life for the best. Donna Ann takes you into her life and how making the wrong choices led her into a road of despair, but when she trusted in God and allowed Him to lead, life became anew. In this inspiring presentation, Donna Ann offers useful tools for achieving your goals and dreams, even when the odds have been placed against you, when you encounter challenges and struggles and when there seems to be no hope.

For Donna Ann Smith-Marshall's fees and availability, contact her at info@fmapublishing.com or (310) 438-3483
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This is an AWESOME BOOK and SPEAKER!

If you cannot find compassion in your heart for Mrs. Smith after reading her story, you will not be able to have compassion on your child, your sister, or your mother, any of whom could easily be staring at the steps of a prison door. It takes just *one* slip-up. It's easy—not hard—to get there. The book points out that the penal system does not actively pursue rehabilitation. After reading **"TIME ON THE INSIDE: Behind the Walls in a Maximum Security Women's Prison from an Insider's View,"** I cried. I became depressed for a quick moment, then I decided to do something constructive about it and bring it to the public's attention, and that is when I began to write. And so I did my part. Now it's up to the media to raise public awareness of this cancer that is slowly destroying families. *This is a cry for help! Help, somebody—anybody—everybody—help!* Prison may be closer to your house and your family than you think.

*Dr. Rosie Milligan, counselor, lecturer, publisher and author
Milligan Books*

Donna Ann Smith-Marshall, who is an 13 year expert in this field, and says; "Taking the most troubled individuals out of society and punishing them in order to teach them how to live within society is, at best, ineffective. Whatever else a prisoner knows, they know everything there is to know about punishment because that is exactly what the majority have grown up with. Whether it is childhood sexual abuse, neglect, lack of concern; punishment is most familiar to them. Prison does not work. The best way to cut women/youth/men offending is to deal with its root causes".

TIME ON THE INSIDE takes readers vividly behind the walls of the United States Largest Maximum Security Women's Penitentiary, Central California Women's Facility—CCWF. This revealing book is a welcoming change from some of the intellectual offerings for individuals wanting direct knowledge of the areas of the penal system that have not been spoken of in detail. **"TIME ON THE INSIDE"** calls attention to **"Why more women and youth are going to prison today more than ever"**— **"What really happens daily behind the walls"**—**"Why the Penal System promotes comfortability rather than rehabilitation"**—**"Why inmate deaths occur often"**—**"Why it's important for society to care about prisoner's rights"**—**"Why compassion is so important"**— **"How does one stay from doing Time On The Inside and "How to restore your life if you have/haven't been behind the walls."**