

Carole Dwyer, Warden

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Carole Dwyer began her career in 1990 as a Correctional Officer at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and three years later transferred into the position of a Home Confinement Counselor in Community Corrections. She quickly rose through the ranks and in 1995 was selected to serve as the first female Deputy Warden of a male facility. She was appointed Warden of Women's Facilities in 2001. In November 2009, Ms. Dwyer achieved another one of her career goals when she was also assigned to oversee Minimum Security as the first female Warden of a male facility between 2009-2011. Warden Dwyer was Warden of the Women's Facility for seventeen (17) years and was reassigned again as Warden at Minimum Security in February 2018.

In January 2012, Governor Chafee chose Ms. Dwyer to serve as Interim Administrator of the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles until a permanent replacement was hired. Her responsibilities included planning, administration, coordination, direction and control of all motor vehicle functions within the State. Ms. Dwyer returned as Warden of the Women's Facilities in August 2012.

Ms. Dwyer is a recognized authority on Trauma Informed Care and is a trainer for the National Institute of Corrections on Correctional Leadership for Women and Operational Practices in the Management of Women's Prisons. Because of her commitment to providing gender responsive practices, NIC tapped her to assist in the preliminary development of its Gender-Informed Assessment Tool which provided a selected state facility with recommendations for implementing and advancing their gender-informed, evidence-based practices for female offenders.

In 2016, Carole has been working with the DOC Medical Director; Jennifer Clarke to provide information to other correctional agencies regarding the implementation of the Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MAT); specifically, security concerns.

Ms. Dwyer holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, Certified Practitioner of the Myers & Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and Assessment of Basic Leader Effectiveness (ABLE).

Ms. Dwyer is married, has two adult daughters, five grandchildren and three cocker spaniels - Bonnie, Clyde and Lizzy. For leisure and recreation, she is a certified high school field hockey and basketball referee.