

What Works: The Social Science Research Behind Advancing Women in Policing

Research Guide

Decades of work from experts on policing, workplace equity, and organizational efficacy have shown that diversity benefits organizations, in terms of their internal cultures and the quality of the work they produce. This is especially true for gender diversity when it is approached in a manner that centers intersectionality and representation.

This guide aggregates research on the "why" behind advancing women in policing, as well as the "how."

The first section, **Why Gender Representation Matters in Policing**, provides a comprehensive foundation for understanding why gender representation in policing is linked to better public safety outcomes.

The second section, Why Gender Representation Matters in the Workplace (Lessons from Other Sectors), gives examples of lessons from analogous sectors about the value of hiring, retaining, and improving the representation of women throughout all levels of an organization, which complement the findings from the first section.

The third section, How to Create a Supportive Environment for Women in Policing, compiles research on concrete steps that policing agencies can take to address the barriers that hold women back at every stage of their careers.

The fourth section, How to Create a Supportive Environment for Women at Work (Lessons from Other Sectors, echoes these findings based on research into other sectors.

Why Gender Representation Matters in Policing

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