



Carolyn (C.J.) Perez, Board Member

CJ Perez has been employed by the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) since 2000 and has more than 24 years of experience in the corrections and criminal justice field.

She began her career in May of 2000 at the Larned State Correctional Facility as a Corrections Officer I. She has held several positions within the agency including that of a corrections counselor II, wherein she spent many years working with a specialized resident population focusing on goal setting to attain a successful reintegration back into a general population setting within the correctional facility. She has also spent time as a facility discharge planner. In 2013 Ms. Perez transferred from the Larned State Correctional Facility to KDOC Central Office as a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) program consultant, followed by work as the statewide contract jail manager, staff development trainer and most recently as the Prisoner Review Board (PRB) administrator for the past six years.

She is a 2020 graduate of the Kansas Leadership Academy and has been recognized by the Office of Victim Services as a Champion of Justice Award Honoree in 2020 and 2023. She is an active member of the Association of Paroling Authorities International, serving on the Crime Victims' Rights committee, and serves as a consultant for the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). She received certification from the National Institute of Corrections for completing Parole Board Member training.

Perez earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice studies and political science from Fort Hays State University.

Perez brings a well-balanced approach to decision-making. Her broad range of experience and knowledge, including current trends in risk reduction and evidence-based practices, experience in collaborating to address victim issues, and insights from a Corrections perspective, is an asset to the Prisoner Review Board.