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## **Officer Shelley Fox-Loken (Ret.)**

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Shelley Fox-Loken was one of the first female correctional officers to work at Oregon's only maximum security prison for men. While earning a B.S. in Criminology from Southern Oregon University, she worked at various juvenile facilities, and then served as a corrections officer at Oregon State Penitentiary for four years. She later spent eleven years working as a state parole and probation officer in Oregon.

During the time Shelley was a parole and probation officer, almost all of her clients were drug offenders. She learned a great deal about addiction and says our current system prevents people from getting treatment because of skewed law enforcement priorities.

Fox-Loken felt that the focus on drug-users has shifted away attention from more serious crimes. Despite the concentration of resources on enforcing drug laws, too much is allocated in ways that favor guns as opposed to actually treating addiction as a social service. She believes this punitive approach has ultimately made communities distrustful of law enforcement and less likely to seek to help when it is needed.

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