

THE FUTURE IS HERS

Women need prison reform, featuring Elizabeth Swavola

As a program manager at the Vera Institute of Justice, attorney Elizabeth Swavola advocates for criminal justice reform in the US. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Elizabeth Swavola, Program Manager, Vera Institute of Justice]

[A clapperboard clicks shut and a tall white woman with shoulder-length brown hair, wearing a black dress with a floral print, addresses the camera.]

ELIZABETH SWAVOLA: Even though we're in this moment of reform and we're starting to see the number of men in jails tick downward, the population of women just continues to grow and is now the fastest-growing correctional population. And so that suggests that reform efforts are not reaching women to the same extent that they're reaching men.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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