

Daria Mayotte, M.A.
Deputy Director, Master Instructor

Daria brings with her a rarely found wealth of multi-cultural corrections experience, combined with her teaching experience and clinical training. With a background and love for teaching, Daria Mayotte first developed a passion for those working in prison while teaching literacy to juvenile offenders at Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2001-2002. Nine years later she returned to South Africa with her family with the intent of further developing juvenile offenders. However, throughout her next eleven years there, she experienced the need and desire from South African correctional officials for further input and development in a variety of areas. She and her husband Steve came alongside them in a variety of ways, supporting, encouraging, and challenging them practically, relationally, and spiritually. Having been trained as a “From Corrections Fatigue to Fulfillment” (CF2F) instructor in 2019, teaching this course soon became a significant key for breakthrough in the lives of South African correctional officers. Daria’s excitement for investing further in the lives of correctional officers through the avenue of Desert Waters Correctional Outreach (DWCO) quickly grew as a result, and she is eager to continue investigating these opportunities on a broader scale through DWCO.