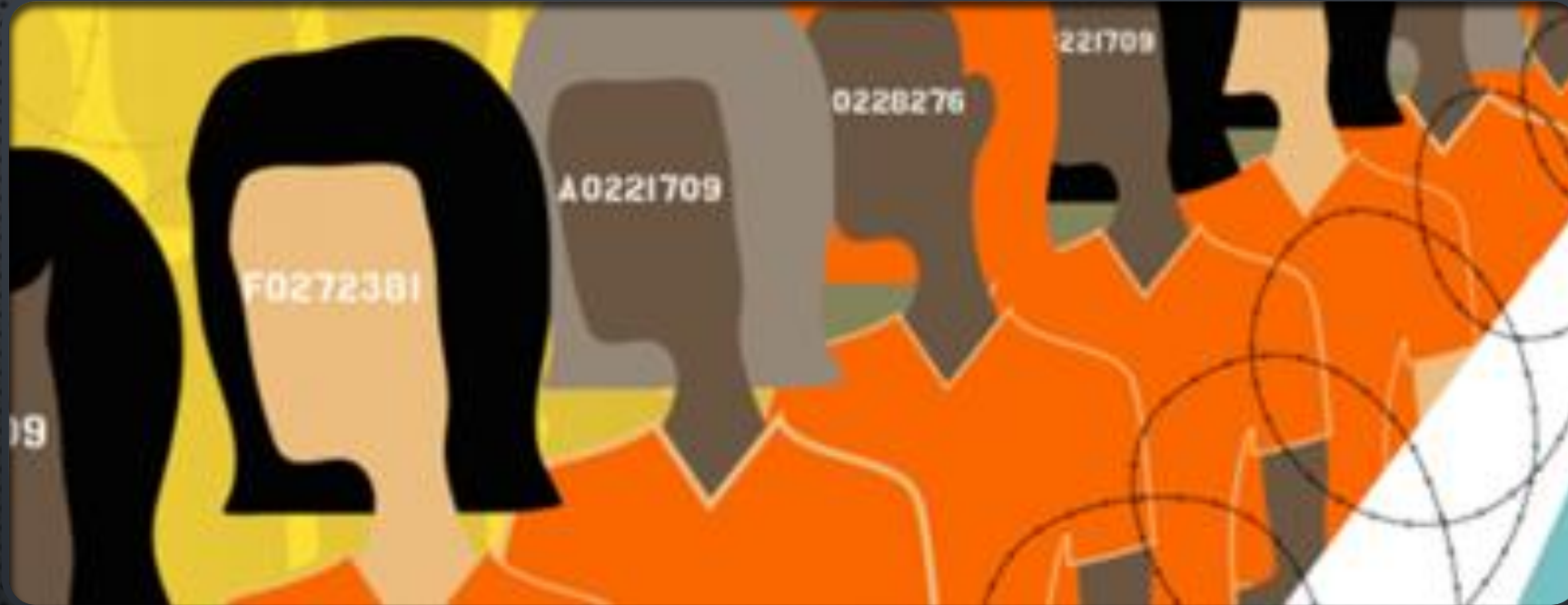


# A New Look



## JUSTICE-INVOLVED WOMEN & CHESTER COUNTY'S WRAP PROGRAM

JENNIFER LOPEZ, DEPUTY CHIEF CHESTER COUNTY PROBATION, PAROLE & PRETRIAL SERVICES

# JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

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DRUG ADDICTION

MENTAL ILLNESS

ALCOHOL ABUSE





# CHESTER COUNTY INITIATIVES

- 1991 INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PROGRAM
- 1997 DRUG TREATMENT COURT
- 2007 RECOVERY COURT
- 2008 MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY COURT
- 2010 VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

# TRAUMA



77-98% OF INCARCERATED WOMEN  
HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN

“WORKING WITH JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN”



# TRAUMA HISTORY

- ALCOHOL & DRUG DEPENDENCE
  - HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS
    - SEX WORK
- PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES
  - CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

# DID YOU KNOW?



#EndTheDrugWar

THERE IS A STRONGER LINK BETWEEN CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND ADDICTION, THEN THERE IS BETWEEN OBESITY AND DIABETES. TWO THIRDS OF ADDICTS REPORT BEING ABUSED AS CHILDREN. THAT MEANS THAT THE WAR ON DRUGS IS A WAR ON TRAUMATIZED PEOPLE THAT JUST NEED HELP.



# TRAUMA



- 2008 GRANT *TRAUMA RECOVERY EMPOWERMENT MODEL*
- 2013 SAMHSA's HOW BEING TRAUMA INFORMED IMPROVES CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES

# FOCUS GROUP: PO'S

- DIFFICULT POPULATION
- HARD TO DEAL WITH
- “MANIPULATIVE”
- NEED A DIFFERENT APPROACH
- COMPLEX ISSUES
- DEMAND MORE TIME



# FOCUS GROUP: INCARCERATED

## WOMEN

- *I NEED TO FIND A JOB; W/ RECORD IT'LL BE HARD WITH MY BACKGROUND, FINDING RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION ESPECIALLY LATE AT NIGHT*
- *I'M WORRIED ABOUT RETURNING HOME, BEING A STABLE PARENT FOR CHILDREN; THROWN BACK INTO HOUSEHOLD, WILL BE AN ADJUSTMENT; EMBARRASSED OF WHAT OTHERS WILL THINK ABOUT ME UPON MY RETURN;*
- *IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT AT MOM'S HOUSE, I'LL BE HOMELESS. I NEED TO FIND A JOB AND I HAVE MEDICAL ISSUES: DIABETES, NEUROPATHY;*
- *WHO WILL WATCH MY KIDS AND HOW WILL I PAY FOR IT? WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM?*
- *"WE NEED A CASE MANAGER TO CONTACT US LONG BEFORE RELEASE TO HELP PLAN AND ADDRESS HOUSING, SOBRIETY, PARENTING AND EMPLOYMENT CONCERNS."*
- *"I NEED SOMEONE TO OFFER FAMILY COUNSELING TO EASE THE TRANSITION BACK INTO FAMILY LIFE. IT SHOULD START BEFORE I'M RELEASED."*



# FOCUS GROUP: INCARCERATED WOMEN

- **WE ASKED THEM HOW THE SYSTEM COULD BE BETTER**
- *THERE ARE NO PROGRAMS HERE; WE HAVE NO SELF-ESTEEM, WE NEED SKILLS, VOCATIONAL REHAB, ETC.*
- *WE SHOULD HAVE OUR MEDICAID PAPERWORK FILLED OUT.*
- *THEY COULD HAVE CLASSES ON REALISTIC NEEDS PEOPLE WILL BE FACING AND HOW TO OBTAIN HOUSING, CHILD WELFARE, PARENTING SKILLS. .*
- *ALL OF PROBATION SHOULD BE REFORMED. WHEN CAN'T PAY, THEY LOCK YOU BACK UP; TELL YOU HAVE 30 DAYS TO FIND A JOB. PEOPLE CANNOT FIND A JOB BECAUSE OF UNRELIABLE TRANSPORTATION; THEY DON'T HAVE THE SKILLS. THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS ABOUT SETTING UP PROBATION/PAROLE – CREATE TAILORED PLANS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE MOST OF THEM ARE IN FOR VIOLATIONS AND MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS.*
- *START A VIOLATIONS CENTER. MAKE IT MANDATORY THAT WE GET TRAINING, SKILLS ETC; FOR THOSE WITH CHILDREN, LET THERE BE ALTERNATE BABYSITTING, ONE GROUP WATCHES CHILDREN WHILE THE OTHER GROUP IS IN CLASSES AND EACH SWITCH OFF ACCORDINGLY. PEOPLE VIOLATE CONDITIONS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO OTHER SKILLS, NONE ARE BEING TAUGHT AND EVERYTHING HERE IS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY, SO THE CYCLE CONTINUES.*



# THEIR NEEDS:

- JOBS
- SKILLS
- SELF-SUFFICIENCY
- SAFE TRANSPORTATION
- CHILDCARE
- HOUSING
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
- HEALTHCARE
- HELP RECONNECTING WITH CHILDREN
- SELF-ESTEEM, FEAR OF STIGMA

# “THE SPECIAL PROBLEM OF FEMALE OFFENDERS”

DR. EDITH ELISABETH FLYNN, 1971

- FEMALE PRISONERS LARGELY IGNORED
- VERY LITTLE DATA AVAILABLE
- 1967 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOT A SINGLE PARAGRAPH/STATISTIC



# DR. FLYNN'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

- DEVELOP EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRAINING FOR STAFF;
- RE-EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF VICTIMLESS CRIME AND RE-EVALUATE THE WISDOM OF INVESTING EXTENSIVE RESOURCES IN THE PROSECUTION OF PROSTITUTION, VAGRANCY, ABORTION AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT;
- DEVELOP CRIME PREVENTION AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS TO SCREEN SOCIO-MEDICAL PROBLEMS FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
- INCREASE THE USE OF PRETRIAL DIVERSION/MAXIMIZE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION;
- DEVELOP SUITABLE PRISON PROGRAMS BUT FOLLOW RECOMMENDED PATTERNS OF COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS, SUCH AS:
  - RESTORE COMMUNITY AND FAMILY TIES
  - USE COMMUNITY RESOURCES
  - CREATE EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP SELF-SUFFICIENCY, SELF-RESPECT AND FUNCTIONING COMMUNITY MEMBERS
  - REDUCE THE LINE OF DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONS AND PURSUE REGIONALLY LOCALIZED FACILITIES
- CONDUCT RESEARCH TO COMBAT THE DEARTH OF INFORMATION ON WOMEN OFFENDERS.

# JUSTICE INVOLVED WOMEN

Survivors of Abuse  
Substance Abuse  
Physical Health  
Mental Health

## 1975

- MINORITY
- YOUNG
- MARRIED
- MOTHERS
- LOWER SOCIO-ECONOMIC
- NO HS DIPLOMA
- UNEMPLOYED
- LIMITED VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- PROPERTY CRIMES

## TODAY

- DISPROPORTIONATELY MINORITY
- YOUNG
- UNMARRIED- FRAGMENTED FAMILIES
- MOTHERS
- LOWER SOCIO-ECONOMIC
- HS GRADUATES
- SPORADIC WORK HISTORY
- LIMITED VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- DRUG RELATED CRIMES



# HEALTH -1975

- LESS LIKELY THAN MEN'S PRISONS TO HAVE F/T MEDICAL STAFF OR ADEQUATE HOSPITAL FACILITIES
- NO ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE CARE
  - NO REGULAR PAP TESTS
  - NO GYNECOLOGIST ON STAFF
- PREGNANT WOMEN
  - NO HEALTHCARE FOR NEW MOTHERS OR NEWBORNS
  - PRESSURED TO RELEASE FOR ADOPTION
  - DENIED RIGHT TO HAVE AN ABORTION

# HEALTH - TODAY

- 92% REPORT AT LEAST 1 PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE CHALLENGE
- 62% HAD MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
- CHRONIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATION WITH POOR NUTRITION AND POVERTY
  - ASTHMA, OBESITY, DIABETES, HYPERTENSION, ANEMIA, SEIZURES AND ULCERS
- HIV
- 10-20X HIGHER RATE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION
- 59% MORE LIKELY THAN MEN TO HAVE CHRONIC/INFECTIOUS HEALTH CONDITION
- 25-40% ABNORMAL PAP VS. 7% IN GENERAL POPULATION
- MEDICAID AND MEDICARE REVOKED IN 90% OF STATES



# HEALTH - TODAY

- FAILURE TO REFER SERIOUSLY ILL INMATES FOR TREATMENT & DELAYS IN TREATMENT
- LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL/RESOURCES
- INADEQUATE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE
- SHACKLING DURING PREGNANCY

# PATHWAYS

## 1975

- COMMIT FEWER CRIMES
- MALE-DOMINATED SYSTEM PROTECTS WOMEN
  - POLICE MORE RELUCTANT
  - PROSECUTOR LESS INCLINED TO PROSECUTE
  - JUDGE AND JURY LESS INCLINED TO CONVICT
- LESS THREAT TO COMMUNITY

## TODAY

- ABUSE
- POVERTY
- ADDICTION
- DYSFUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



# THE CRIMES

1975

- LARCENY
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- RUNNING AWAY
- SEX WORK

TODAY

- DRUG CRIMES
- PROPERTY CRIMES

# THEIR NEEDS

1975

JOBS

EDUCATION

CHILD CARE

READJUSTING TO FAMILY LIFE

COPING WITH STIGMA

TODAY

JOBS

EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL  
TRAINING

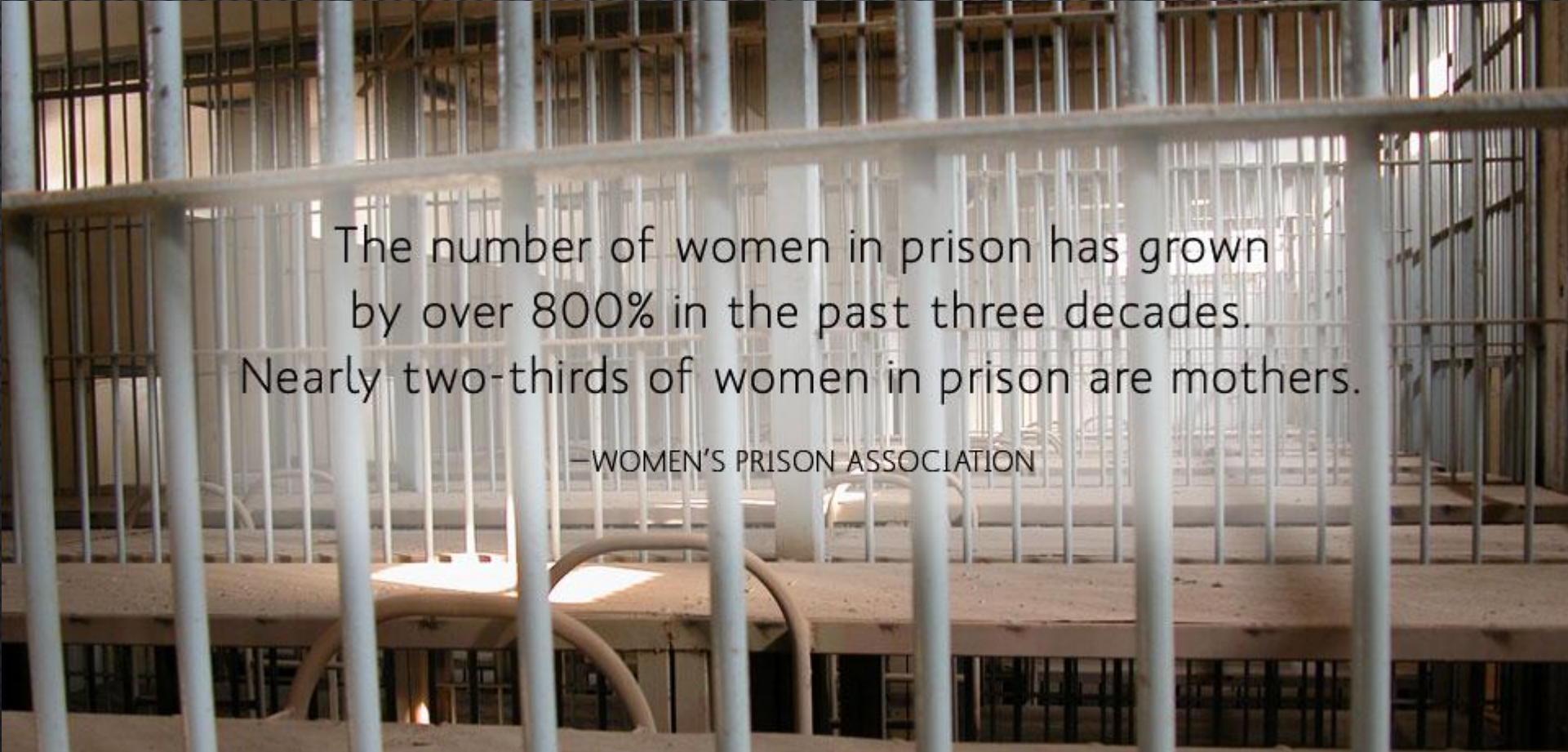
HOUSING

CHILDCARE & PARENTAL STRESS

STIGMA

SERVICES





The number of women in prison has grown  
by over 800% in the past three decades.  
Nearly two-thirds of women in prison are mothers.

—WOMEN'S PRISON ASSOCIATION



**“WHEN A MAN GOES TO PRISON HE LOSES HIS  
FREEDOM, BUT WHEN A WOMAN GOES TO  
PRISON, SHE LOSES HER CHILDREN.”**

**~UNKNOWN**



# THEIR CHILDREN

## 1975

- 70-80% MOTHERS
- 50% ARE SOLE SUPPORTERS
- FEW PROGRAMS FOR INMATE'S CHILDREN
- LOSS OF CONTACT WITH CHILDREN
- LOSS OF CUSTODY
- SURVEY OF 727 CHILDREN UNDER 5
  - 70% CARED FOR BY RELATIVES
  - 14% IN FOSTER HOMES
  - 16% IN INSTITUTIONS OR RELEASED FOR ADOPTION

## TODAY

- 147,000 CHILDREN HAD A MOTHER IN PRISON IN 2007
- 59% OF FATHERS & 58% OF MOTHERS HAD NO PERSONAL VISITS
- 62% STATE PRISONERS/84% FEDERAL PRISONERS OVER 100 MILES AWAY
- ADOPTION & SAFE FAMILIES ACT
- PARENTAL INCARCERATION IS AN "ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE" (ACE)

More than **5 million U.S. children** have had a

# PARENT BEHIND BARS

Research connects parental incarceration with poor health and academic outcomes for children.

**1 in 8**

poor children

**1 in 9**

black children

**1 in 14**

all children

[childtrends.org](http://childtrends.org)

Child **TRENDS**





Our Mom is  
Serving  
12 Years

CHILDREN OF PROMISE, NYC  
A Division of [www.childrenofpromise.org](http://www.childrenofpromise.org)

I haven't seen my MOM in 2 years

  
CHILDREN OF PROMISE, NY  
Embracing and empowering children of incarcerated parents  
[www.childrenofpromisenyc.org](http://www.childrenofpromisenyc.org)



# THIS ISN'T JUSTICE.

There are **832% MORE** women in prison now than in 1977

Black women are incarcerated **3 TIMES MORE** than white women

**1 IN 25**  will give birth **SHACKLED** in prison.

**1 IN 10** will be sexually assaulted in prison

**75%**  ARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

**82%** are survivors of SEVERE CHILD ABUSE

[colorofchange.org](https://colorofchange.org)  ultraviolet

SHARE IF YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO STOP CRIMINALIZING WOMEN AND SURVIVORS.



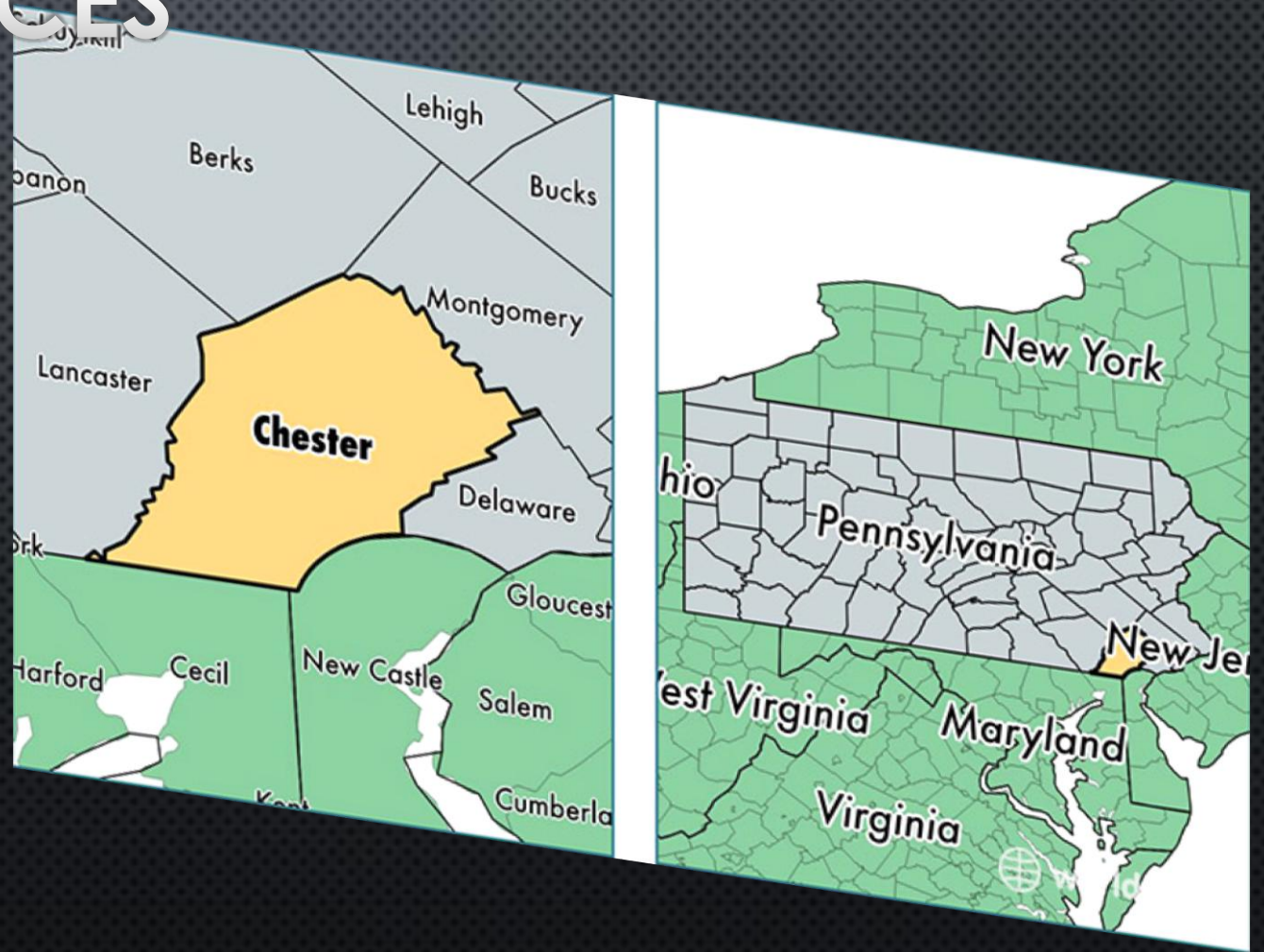


# A CASE STUDY



# CHESTER COUNTY PROBATION, PAROLE & PRETRIAL SERVICES

- 9,000+ INDIVIDUALS
- 2,000+ WOMEN
  - 64% MISDEMEANOR
  - 32% FELONY





## THE #'S

- 74% INCREASE OF WOMEN ON PROBATION AND/OR PAROLE SINCE 2005
- 47% INCREASE OF INCARCERATED WOMEN BETWEEN 2011-2013
- 30% WERE INCARCERATED ON VOP'S IN 2013

# THE WOMEN OF WRAP

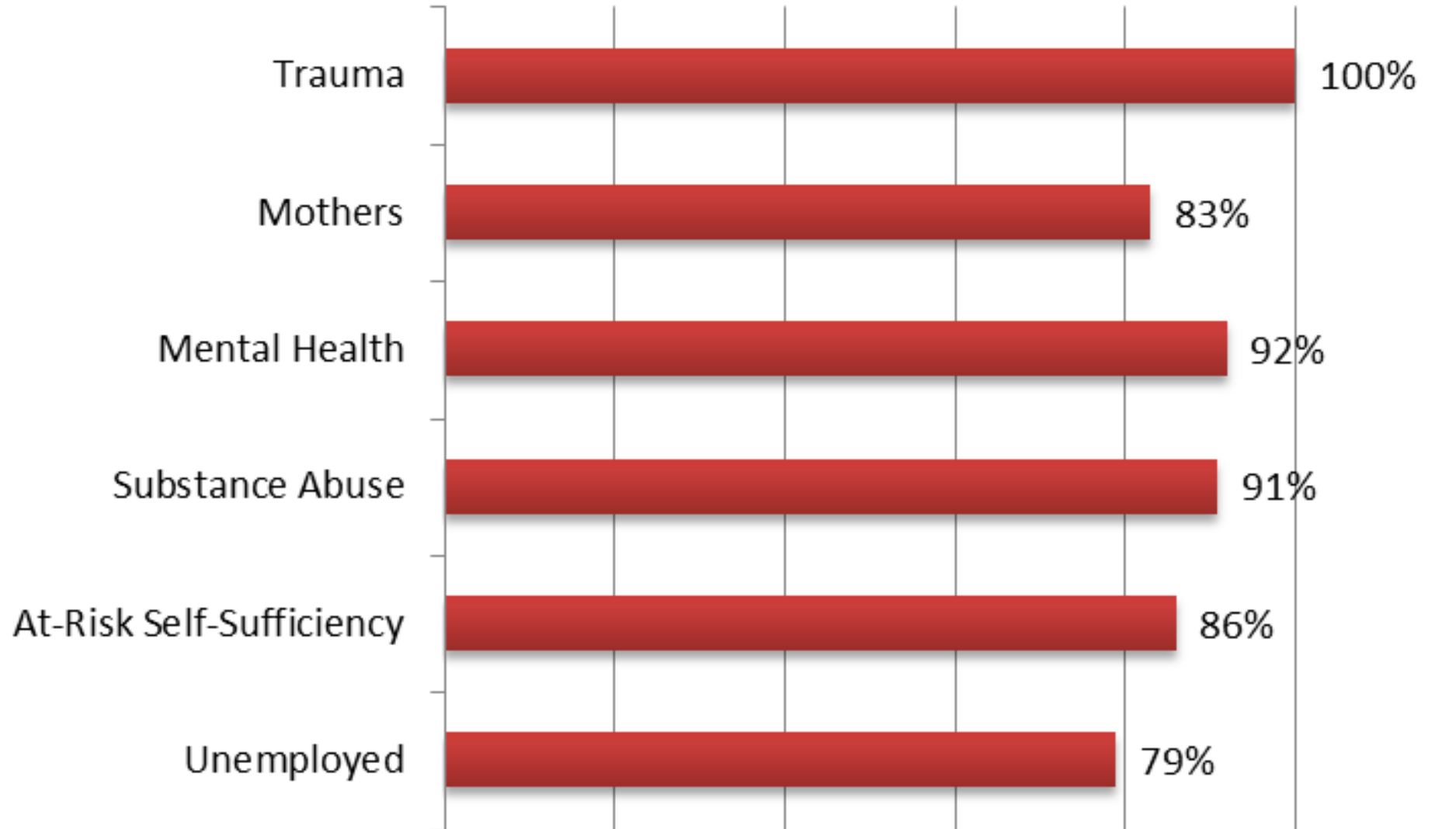
145 WOMEN

150 CHILDREN

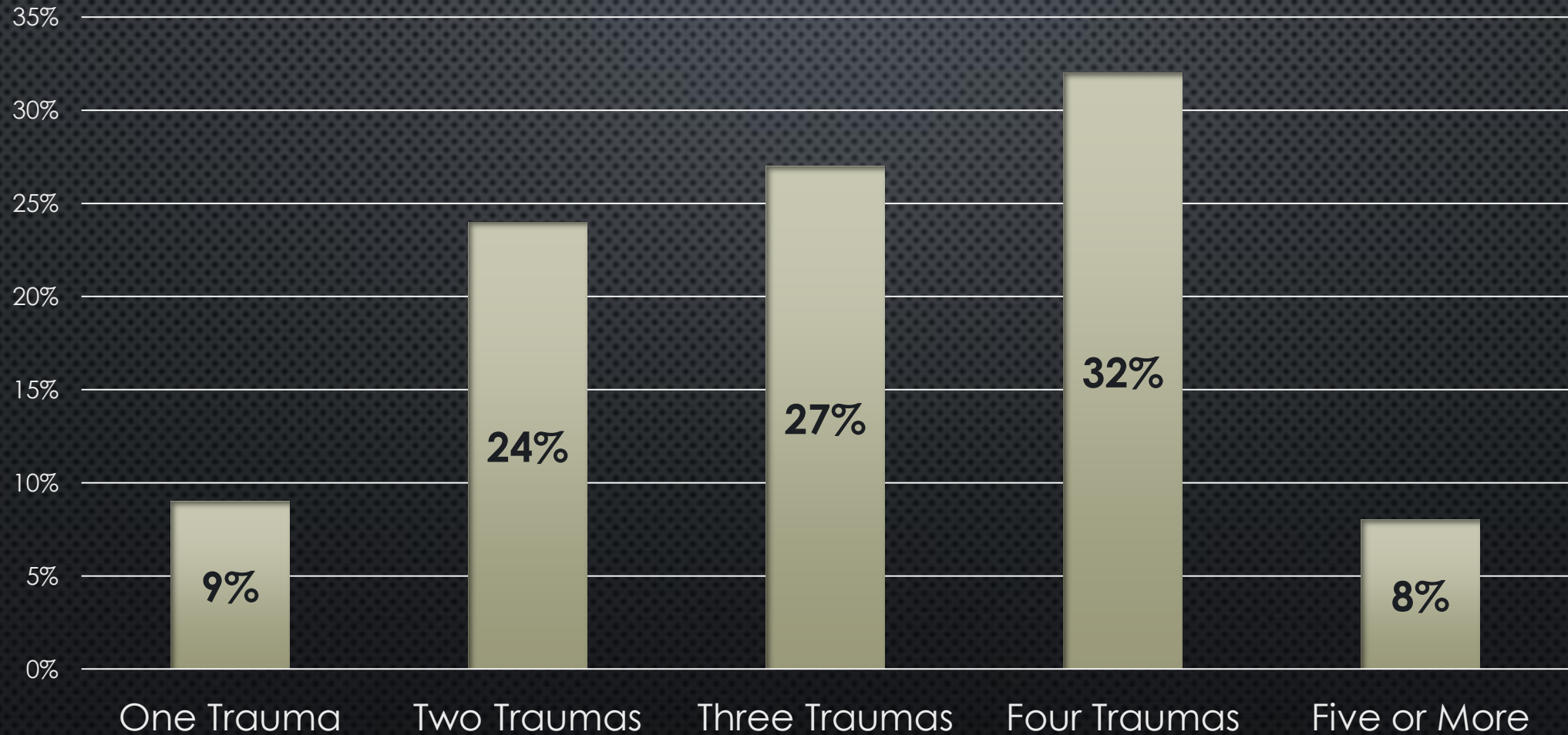
800 SEPARATE COMMITMENTS



# WRAP WOMEN

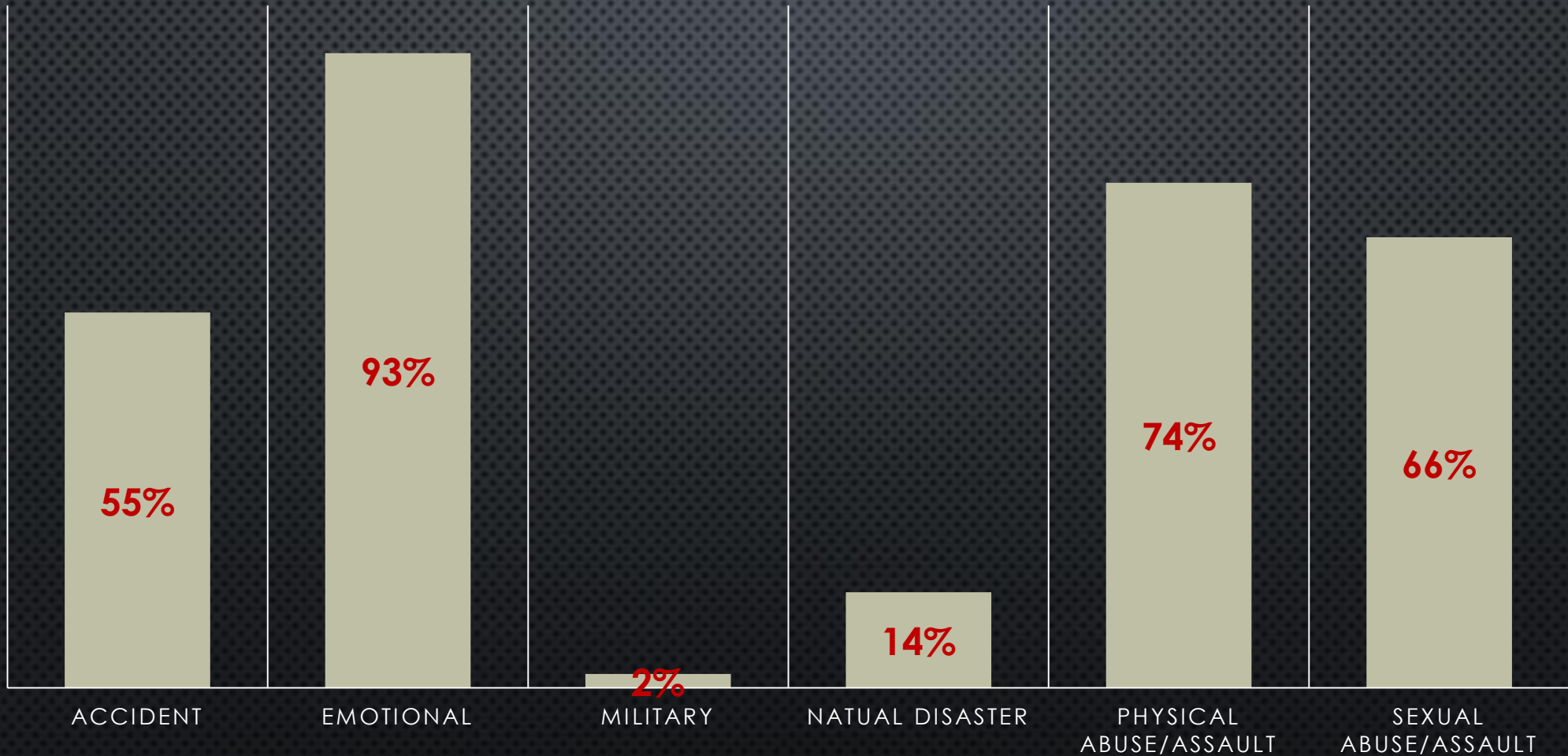


# WRAP WOMEN & COMPLEX TRAUMA

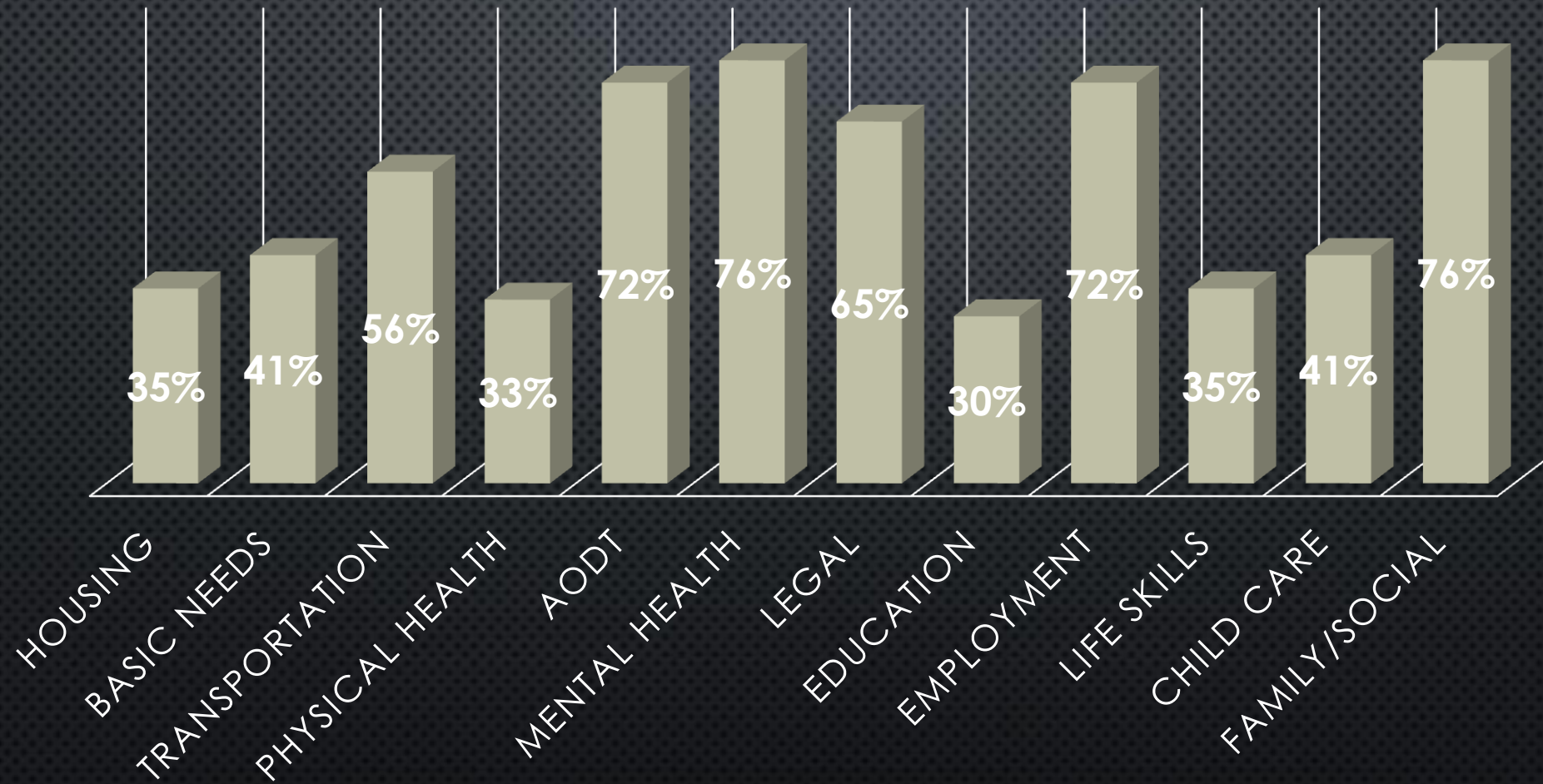




# WRAP WOMEN & TRAUMA



# WRAP WOMEN & THEIR NEEDS





# GENDER RESPONSIVE STRATEGIES

## SIX GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. GENDER- MATTERS
2. ENVIRONMENT – SAFETY, RESPECT, TRAUMA-INFORMED
3. RELATIONAL- POLICIES, APPROACHES
4. SERVICE & SUPERVISION- COMPREHENSIVE
5. SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS- NEW OPPORTUNITIES
6. COMMUNITY- BUILD SUPPORTS

# RELATIONSHIPS

- *RELATIONAL THEORY*
- FEMALES ARE MOTIVED BY THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS AND DEVELOP THEIR IDENTITY, SELF WORTH AND SENSE OF EMPOWERMENT THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.

- BLOOM, OWEN & COVINGTON 2003; COVINGTON 2001



# CRITICAL CONTEXT

- REASONS WHY WOMEN COMMIT CRIMES
- RELATIONSHIPS WITH ABUSING OR CRIMINAL PARTNERS
- SUBSTANCE USE AND EFFORTS TO REGAIN SOBRIETY
- RESPONSES TO CORRECTIONS INTERVENTIONS
- NEED TO CREATE “FAMILY” EVEN IN PRISON
- RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN, FAMILY, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS
- PAST HISTORIES (TRAUMA) INHIBIT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

# ASSESSMENT

## THE FEMINIST MODEL

- ABUSE
- TRAUMA
- UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
- PARENTAL STRESS
- MENTAL HEALTH (DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, PTSD)
- STRENGTHS (FAMILY SUPPORT, SELF-EFFICACY)



# ASSESSMENT

- SERVICE PLANNING INSTRUMENT FOR WOMEN (SPIN-W™)
  - ORBIS PARTNERS INC.
- PA DEPARTMENT OF DRUG & ALCOHOL SELF SUFFICIENCY MATRIX
- TRAUMA HISTORY SCREEN
  - CARLSON, 2005
- CLIENT EXPERIENCE/LIFE SATISFACTION SURVEY
  - GREENLEY, GREENBERG, & BROWN, 1997

# CRITICAL INFORMATION

1. HISTORY OF ABUSE
2. RELATIONSHIP STATUS/ISSUES
3. SELF-EFFICACY/SELF-ESTEEM
4. MENTAL HEALTH
5. PARENTAL STRESS ( # OF CHILDREN, CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS, DIFFICULTIES MANAGING)
6. LEVEL OF FAMILY SUPPORT OR CONFLICTS
7. FINANCIAL STATUS/POVERTY
8. SAFETY CONCERNS
9. STRENGTHS AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS



# COMMUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT

THE COLLABORATIVE CASE MANAGEMENT MODEL  
(WOCMM-NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS 2006)

- ENGAGE AND ASSESS
- ENHANCE MOTIVATION
- IMPLEMENT THE CASE PLAN
- REVIEW PROGRESS
- WORK WITH EACH PARTICIPANT UNTIL SHE IS FULLY STABILIZED IN HER COMMUNITY.

# PROGRAMMING

- MOVING-ON A PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK WOMEN
  - ORBIS PARTNERS INC.
- SAFETY EMOTION LOSS FUTURE -S.E.L.F.
  - A TRAUMA-INFORMED PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL GROUP
  - COMMUNITY WORKS



# MOVING-ON

*"I FOUND THE MOVING ON PROGRAM TO BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL DURING MY TIME SPENT IN PRISON. BEYOND THE TOOLS AND COPING SKILLS I LEARNED FOR CHALLENGES I FACE OUTSIDE OF PRISON, THE PROGRAM FORCED ME TO STEP OUT OF MY BOX.*

*I HAD AN EXTREMELY HARD TIME INTERACTING WITH THE WOMEN WHEN I FIRST GOT TO PRISON. ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS ISOLATE. I WAS MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE INTERACTING WITH ALL OF THE WOMEN.*

*THIS HELPED ME REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT HAVING A SOCIAL NETWORK IS AND MOTIVATED ME TO WORK ON ESTABLISHING FRIENDS AND A SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT IS OUTSIDE OF MY FAMILY."*







# MULTI-FACETED APPROACH FROM INTAKE TO SERVICE PLANNING TO AFTERCARE THAT IS:

- RELATIONAL
- STRENGTHS-BASED
- TRAUMA-INFORMED
- CULTURALLY COMPETENT
- HOLISTIC



**Ebenezer Full Gospel Baptist Church Presents:**  
*"Rising Higher" Women's Empowerment Summit*  
*& Community Resources Expo*  
 Hosted by the Daughters of Judah Ministry

- ❖ Breakfast and Lunch
- ❖ Inspirational Speakers
- ❖ Empowerment Workshop
- ❖ Community Information Tables
- ❖ Women's Resources
- ❖ Giveaways



**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – 10am-3pm**  
 199 Wallace Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

**FREE Registration!**  
 Contact 484-753-4707 or [nwright@cc-oic.org](mailto:nwright@cc-oic.org) to register

Pastor Kim A. Davis, Senior Pastor




**APO Women's Program**

Summer 2014 Calendar of Events

Tuesday July 8	Effective Parenting with Tricia Ferraro
Tuesday July 22	Yoga with Colleen Devirgilis of The Yoga Transformation Project
Tuesday Aug. 5	Employment & Education with Janis McElwee of Life Transforming Ministries (Field Trip, please RSVP)
Tuesday Aug. 19	Movie- "Healing Neen" The transcendent story of Tonier Cain
Tuesday Sep. 2	The Four-Fold Way with Jennifer Lopez Understanding work style

Please join us at the  
 CYWA 423 East Lincoln Highway  
 Coatesville  
 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Babysitting available













## LESSONS LEARNED



**RECIDIVISM HAS DECREASED BY 63%**

**TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS DECREASED  
BY 75%**

**2,670**

**JAIL DAYS SAVED THROUGH EARLY PAROLE**



# PRISON POPULATION

120 FEMALES\*

To

**87 FEMALES\*\***

(DECEMBER 2016 \*AVERAGE PAST 4 YEARS \*\* AVERAGE PAST 6 MONTHS)



## **Comprehensive Behavioral Health Task Force**

*A guide for counties seeking alternatives to incarcerating mentally ill and substance abusing offenders*

### **REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

August 7, 2016





# LESSONS LEARNED

- SERVICES
- JOBS
- HOUSING
- CHILDCARE
- TRANSPORTATION

# EMERGING RESEARCH & BEST PRACTICES

1. USE EVIDENCE- BASED AND GENDER-RESPONSIVE TOOLS & INTERVENTIONS
2. TARGET WOMEN'S RISK FACTORS
3. GENDER-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS ARE WORKING
4. RECOGNIZE WOMEN GENERALLY PRESENT LOW RISK TO SOCIETY
5. CREATE ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE, SUPPORTIVE & RESPECTFUL
6. USE TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH & INTERVENTIONS
7. RECRUIT STAFF WITH INTEREST & KNOWLEDGE
8. CROSS TRAIN STAFF
9. ACKNOWLEDGE HOW RELATIONSHIPS AFFECT WOMEN'S LIVES
10. BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITIES

BLOOM, OWEN, & COVINGTON, 2003







together we can

**CHANGE!**

**THE WORLD!**

**BE. GO. DO.**

