

## Women At Risk – Who are our clients?

- ◆ Referred to us through the court system, self, or social service agency
- ◆ Principle criminal charge related to drugs, motor vehicle offenses, assault, fraud, forgery, probation violation, or larceny
- ◆ Typical History:
  - Completed 11<sup>th</sup> grade in high school
  - Single mother with 2 children
  - Past employment in fast food or hotel industry
  - 61% report experiencing domestic violence as a child  
88% have experienced domestic violence in adult relationships
  - 82% report a family history of drug/alcohol abuse
  - 48% report being sexually abused as a child
  - 44% have a family member who has been convicted of a serious crime
  - 44% were sexually abused/assaulted as an adult
- ◆ Currently:
  - 10% are homeless at intake
  - 82% have a mental health diagnosis (mostly depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)
  - 71% have an addiction diagnosis (mostly crack cocaine and alcohol)
  - 59% have a dual diagnosis – addiction and mental health
  - 43% experienced domestic violence in the past 6 months
  - 11% were sexually abused in the past 6 months
  - 11% report feeling unsafe with their current partner.
- ◆ **Individualized Service Plan** for each client
  - 3 Core elements: case management, court advocacy, group therapy**
  - Additional services: substance abuse treatment, abuser treatment, individual therapy, psychiatric consultation