

## History of WCCJ and Women At Risk

- 1982: WCCJ Incorporates
- 1983: WCCJ inaugurates our first program – the Alternative Sentencing Project – in conjunction with the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defender’s Office, working from space at Central Methodist Church in downtown Asheville.
- 1984: Dr. Faye Sultan develops and implements the Women At Risk treatment model with female inmates serving life sentences at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women in Raleigh
- 1988: WCCJ begins the first Women At Risk therapy groups outside of prison with seed money from the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation
- 1990-91: Women At Risk receives additional funding from the Public Welfare Foundation, Buncombe County, and the Community Foundation of WNC
- 1992: First WAR Program Director hired
- 1993: First state grant funding of WAR (\$90,000)
- 1994: First WAR Case Manager hired and state grant raised to \$105,000
- 1995: WAR funding moved to the state’s continuation budget
- 1996: WAR Court Liaison position created
- 2000: WCCJ/WAR moves to 218 Patton Ave., now all groups and services are held on-site
- 2001: “Deciding Against Violence” an abuser treatment group for women, licensed by the state for court-ordered referrals, is developed and implemented
- Substance abuse treatment groups added, and individual staff members pursue licensure as substance abuse treatment professionals
- 2002: WAR program receives licensure from the NC Department of Facility Services as an outpatient substance abuse treatment facility