Safety is critical to the sense of well-being of women and girls. Many social, emotional and health issues stem from females’ experiences with domestic violence, crime and aggression.

**JUVENILE CRIME**

The number of juvenile arrests in Hartford County decreased between 2007 and 2011 from 7,609 to 4,210.

**BUT**

This decrease was dependent on reduction of male vs. female arrests. In fact, female juvenile arrests increased from 31% to 34% between 2010 and 2012.

**PATHWAYS TO INCARCERATION FOR FEMALES**

Females experience multiple types of adversity and interpersonal violence prior to incarceration and are more likely to ... 

Be survivors of:  
- Physical Abuse  
- Sexual Abuse

And deal with issues related to:  
- Substance Abuse  
- Mental Health  
- Unemployment  
- Poverty

... and be the primary caregiver to children

Female incarceration has life altering consequences. Females with criminal history have limited access to:  
- social services  
- housing  
- employment

**TOP REPORTED OFFENSES FOR FEMALE ADULTS IN HARTFORD COUNTY IN 2011**

- Prostitution & Commercial Vice 78%  
- Embezzlement 54%  
- Larceny 40%  
- Disorderly Conduct 32%  
- Assault 28%  
- DUI 25%

*percentages are not cumulative.

Children of incarcerated mothers often experience:  
- decreased school performance  
- emotional health problems  
- increased rates of incarceration

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