

Project SAFE

Services and Fundamental Enhancements for Justice-Involved Women

Black women are approximately **12 PERCENT** of the U.S. women population but make up **38 PERCENT** of the population of incarcerated women and are incarcerated at almost double the rate of white women. Moreover, half of black transgender people (**47 PERCENT**) have been incarcerated at some point in their lives.

Incarcerated women also experience extreme rates of domestic and sexual violence, **77 PERCENT** and **86 PERCENT** respectively. Similarly, **four in 10** black women have experienced domestic violence throughout their lifetime, which is **higher than that of women of other racial/ethnic groups** with the exception of Native American and multiracial women.

Project SAFE, a project of the **Center for Court Innovation, Black Women's Blueprint, the National Black Women's Justice Institute, and Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York** with funding from the **Office on Violence Against Women**, provides targeted training and expert assistance to Office on Violence Against Women grantees working with criminalized black women who are also survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

Project SAFE addresses the intersections of trauma, race, gender, and sexuality by acknowledging the needs of black women engaged in the justice system through enhanced trauma-informed responses and practices.

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