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Advocacy on Behalf of Battered Women Who Use Force
With Rose Thelen, Praxis Technical Assistance Partner and
Laura Connelly, Advocates for Family Peace

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Advocacy on Behalf of Battered Women Who Use Force

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MISSION STATEMENTS:

- Advocates for Family Peace (AFFP) background on CCR Mission Statement development
- How the mission statement organizes AFFP to provide services for victims charged with criminal offenses as well as advocate for differential court strategies
- Expanding the CCR's understanding of the context of violence:
 - who is using violence to establish coercive power and control?
 - who is violent as a response?
 - why it is important to make distinctions?

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**SERVICES:
ASSESSING WHO ONGOING VICTIM IS AND
DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ADVOCACY SERVICES**

- Eligibility determined for advocacy services
 - All people requesting services complete intake, risk assessment, data privacy form, release for information (when necessary), and risk assessment.
- All parties receive information and referral
- Advocacy for victims who have used violence
- Meet with women in jail
- Working with defense attorneys, prosecutors and the CCR

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**MISSION AND SERVICES INCLUDES
WORKING IN A COMMUNITY (CCR)**

- The need for differential responses--working with your CCR to understand the distinctions between violence committed by a batterer and that committed by a victim

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THE CROSSROADS PROSECUTION PROGRAM

(Specialized prosecution to hold battered women defendants accountable without creating greater vulnerability to abuse)

- Provides differential response when the defendant is the victim of battering
- Goals:
 - hold the defendant accountable for using violence without creating greater vulnerability to continued abuse;
 - to deter either party from committing continued acts of violence against others;
 - to create a general deterrence to domestic violence in the community.
- Eligibility and factors considered for admission to Crossroads

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INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

(Specialized treatment option for victims of battering who are court-ordered for domestic assault)

- To address the context and function of the victim's violence and recognize the difference from the perpetrator's
- Curriculum uses different model than Power and Control Wheel
- Group objectives:
 - To help women understand the violence in their lives.
 - To help them take concrete steps to end both the violence they are using and the violence they are experiencing.

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