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.

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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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