

VIOLENCE, INCARCERATION, AND ADDICTION: A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE ON WORKING WITH SURVIVORS

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“Radical feminism contends that the criminality of women is largely due to their victimization and abuse within a society where masculine power and privilege prevail.”

(Liddell and Martinovic, 2013, p. 135)

INTERNSHIP

- Bronx & East Harlem
 - Formerly Incarcerated Women
 - ALL Domestic Violence (DV) Survivors
 - Substance Abuse
 - Mental Health Diagnosis



STATISTICS

Physical & Sexual Abuse

- Girls from physically or sexually abusive homes are more at risk of separation from their families of origin before adulthood due to out-of-home placements or running away.
 - Increased risk of involvement in drug- or prostitution-related activities
 - Bureau of Justice Statistics study: 38,798 women participants (in their study)
 - 43% reported some type of assault prior to that incarceration
 - 33.5% reported lifetime physical abuse
 - 33.9% reported lifetime sexual abuse

(Browne, Miller, and Maguin, 1999)

Substance Abuse & Mental Health

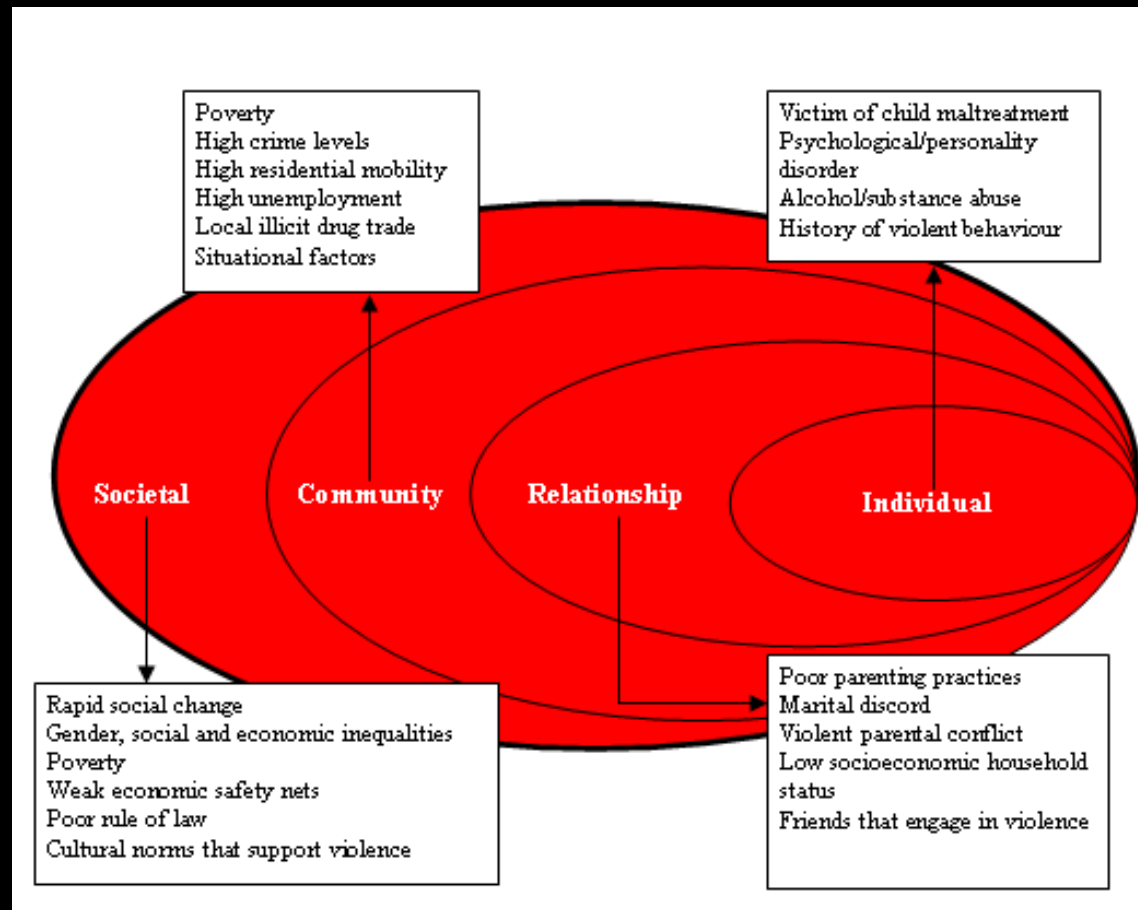
- Prevalence of substance use and post-traumatic stress disorder
 - 78 to 85% of incarcerated women have experienced at least one traumatic event
 - 69% of the general female population

(Liddell and Martinovic, 2013)

“LIZ”

- African American Female, 23 years old
- Substance Use Treatment
 - Mother & child (Pregnant)
 - Formerly Incarcerated
- Sexual/physical abuse: father & uncle
- Sex Trafficked
- Substance Abuse

ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK



- Individual, Relationship, Community, and Society
 - Substance Abuse + Mental Health + Trauma

MSW STUDENTS

Vicarious Trauma

Self-Care

Therapy

Online Community



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