

# The Jean Tweed Centre



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## Justice Focused Programs

# What is Jean Tweed?

- A community based agency located in Toronto that provides a safe and supportive environment for women from around Ontario with substance use, mental health and gambling concerns to improve the quality of their lives and that of their families.



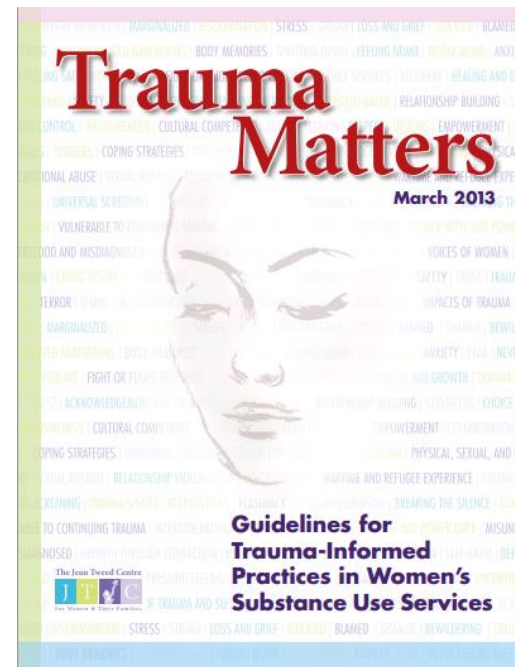
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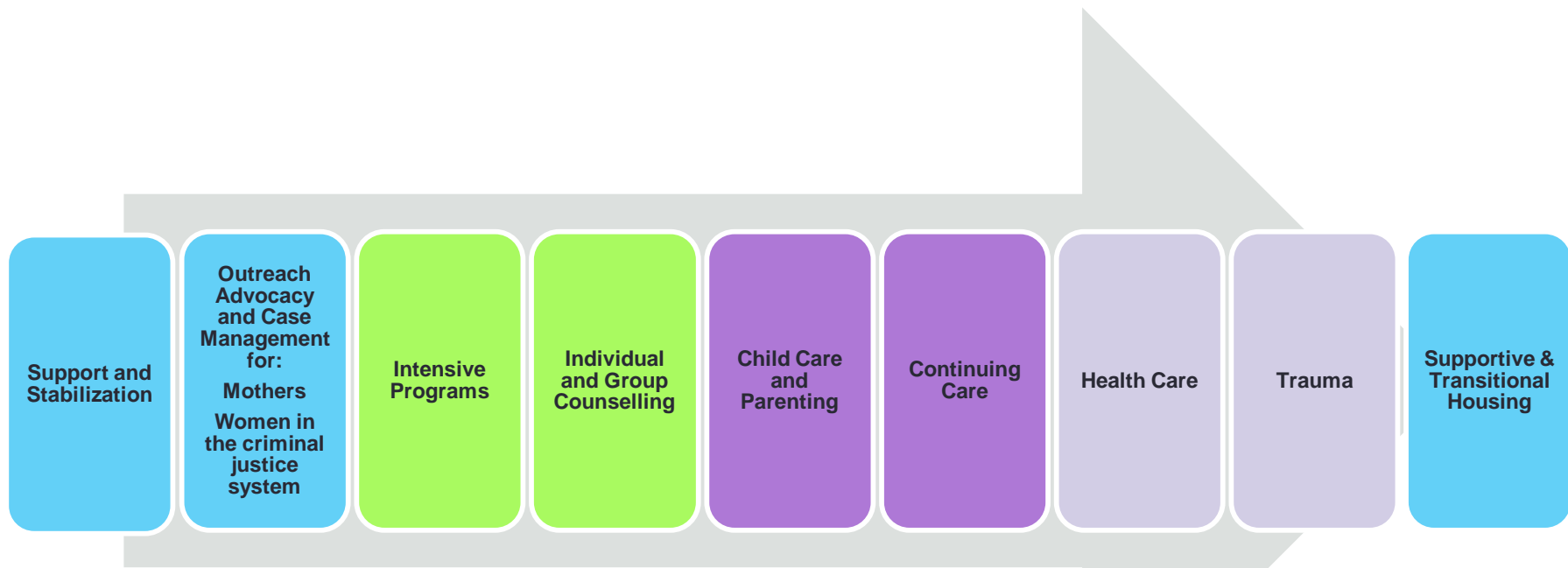
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# Our Approach

- Gender Matters: A women centred lens to looking at needs related to substance use, gambling and mental health concerns
- Evidence based
- Trauma informed
- Low threshold and easy access
- Partnering to create a network of support



# Continuum of Services



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# JUSTICE FOCUSSED PROGRAMS

**OUTREACH  
ADVOCACY**

**CASE  
MANAGEMENT**

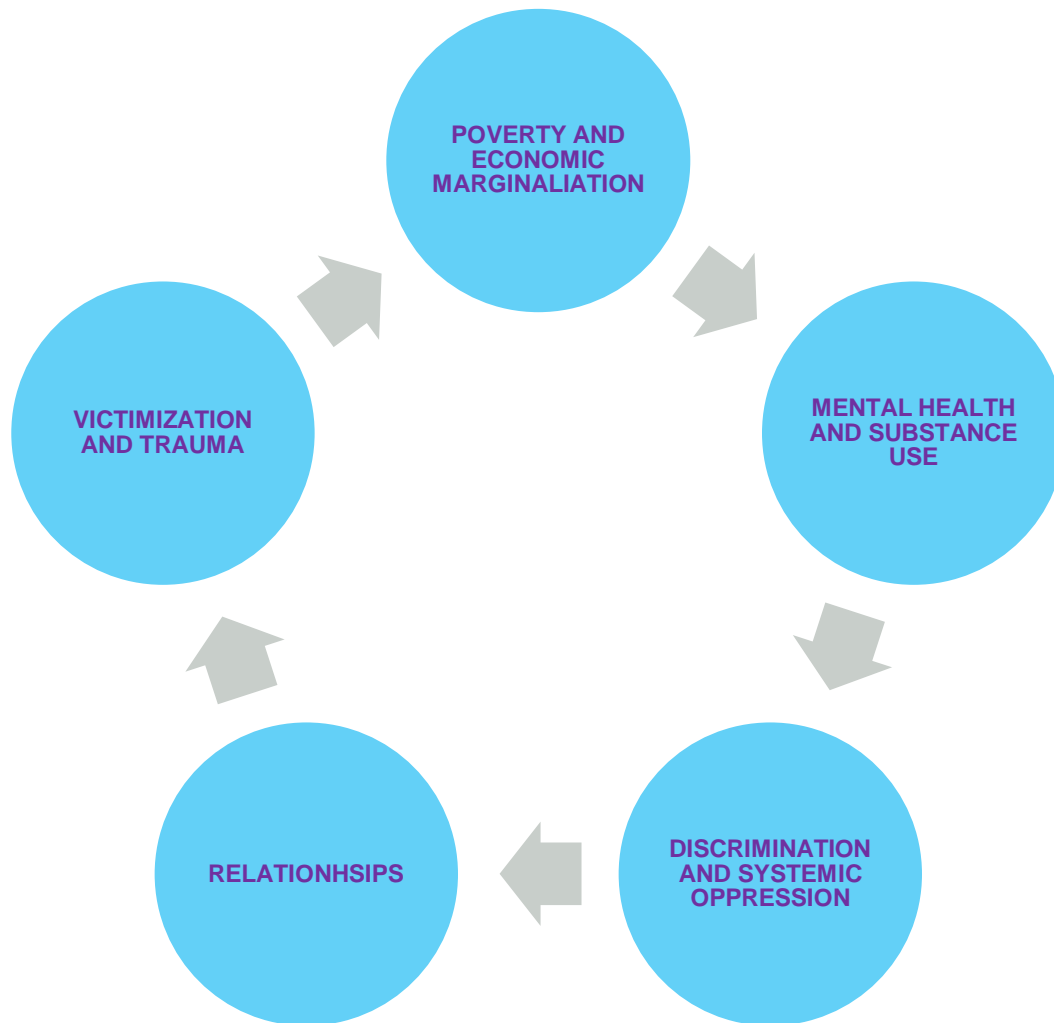
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# Contributing Factors



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# Justice Focused Program Areas

**Release  
From  
Custody  
(RFC)**

**Justice  
Addictions  
and Mental  
Health  
(JAM)**

**Reaching  
Out to  
Women  
(ROW)**

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# Release From Custody (RFC)

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# Vanier Centre



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# RFC Goals

- To engage detained women in pre-release case management
- To provide women access to program referrals at Jean Tweed and/or other various community resources
- To advocate for women in the institution
- To assist women in safely transitioning back into their identified community

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# RFC Services

- On-site support at Vanier Centre for Women, Milton (provincial correctional facility)
- Case management and counselling services available (such as internal referrals and assessment to Jean Tweed's programs)
- Short term case management is available after release to support women transitioning back into the community
- **Referrals:** self referrals, social workers, institutional staff

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# RFC in Action

- Because of RFC, 17 women have entered Jean Tweed's day or residential program after recent release from Vanier.
- This represents a significant step in overcoming the barriers incarcerated women face in being accepted into and being admitted into residential programs.
- RFC has met with over 150 clients

# *The reason for the success of the Release from Custody program?*

*“Engagement. By connecting with women before their release from custody, women learn about the supports available to them, complete the assessment process, and prepare a concrete plan that meets their needs and goals.” Rfc worker*

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**JUSTICE  
ADDICTION  
&  
MENTAL  
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# JAM Program

- The Justice, Addictions and Mental Health Program supports women with mental health and substance use concerns who also have criminal justice involvement.
- Since April, 2006, JAM has been providing service coordination, case management, court support, linkages with relevant social service systems, assistance with criminal justice issues, supportive counselling, outreach services, and advocacy.
- **Referrals:** Self-referrals, court diversion, agencies, probation/parole offices.

# JAM in ACTION

*"I have a son who is 5 years old. My involvement with Jean Tweed started a few years ago with the Justice, Addiction and Mental Health (JAM) program where I was supported by being connected to a safe house, a detox service, relapse prevention support, shelters, and a referral from the JAM program to the another community organization that offers stable housing...."* former client, JAM program

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# Reaching Out to Women (ROW)

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# ROW Program

ROW was created in partnership with community based organizations to provide counselling support to self-identified women at risk who are connected to drop-in centres, shelters and/or involved in the criminal justice system.



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**Elizabeth Fry**  
toronto

**Barbra Schlifer**  
**Commemorative Clinic**  
Freedom From Violence.



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FOR WOMEN



**United Way**  
Greater Toronto

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# ROW Services

- ROW provides trauma-informed substance use and/or mental health counselling.
- Linkages to additional supports
- Consultation and training in trauma-informed practice
- ROW has served more than 470 women in the past 6 years.

# Two ROW Sites for Women in the Justice System

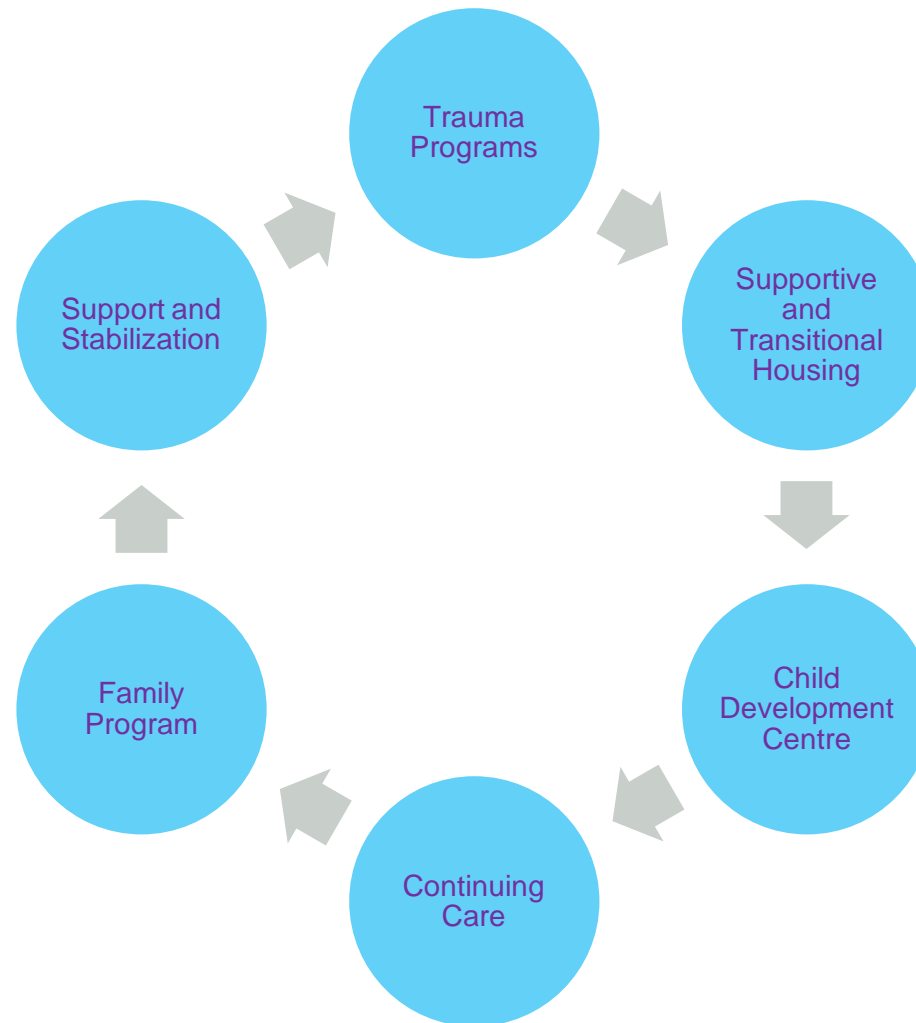
- The Elizabeth Fry Society - for clients who are at risk, had previous involvement or current involvement in the criminal justice system. Referrals include self-referrals, probation/parole, and community agencies.
- Barbra Schlifer Clinic- for clients who have faced violence and have a connection to the Justice System. For example, criminal justice, involvement in CAS, family court and/or charging someone.

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# Wrap Around Supports for Justice Involved Clients at Jean Tweed



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**THANK YOU!**