

JusticeWorks Community Presents:



Women of Substance

Facts About Mothers in Prison And Their Children

More than 200,000 women are
imprisoned in the United States

80% women in prison are there for
nonviolent offenses.

65% of women in prison have been
sentenced for substance abuse and
other drug law violations

Two-thirds of women in prison have
dependent children

More than 5 million children have a
parent under criminal justice
supervision

There are more than 180,000 women in jails and prisons in U.S largely due to mandatory minimum sentences for substance abuse and other drug-law violations. This has resulted in devastating social and economic consequences for their families and for our society.

Women of Substance begins with a powerful half-hour documentary written and directed by Rory Kennedy and Robin Smith, and narrated by actress Joanne Woodward. It examines addiction in the lives of three women and family residential treatment as an alternative to prison.

Afterwards there will be a dialogue about addiction and the struggle to secure treatment instead of prison for parenting women who have substance abuse histories.

We invite you to join the staff and advisory council of formerly incarcerated women in recovery in this powerful and informative presentation— ***WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE!***

Date: Sunday, February 22, 2009
Time: 1 p.m.—3 P.M.
Place: Community Church (lower level, Assembly Hall)
40 East 35th Street, NY, NY
(between Park and Madison Avenues)
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Hear firsthand the stories of women in prison and
learn more about how you can get involved!