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Interviews with system-impacted women brought to you by the Texas Women's Justice Coalition and the Texas Center for Justice and Equity

"I was 20 years old, at the wrong place at the wrong time. Had I had interactions with police prior, it would've been different. I went to the police to tell them that I had been raped and attacked. They had already had it made up in their minds that they knew what had happened; that this was a pimp-prostitute altercation, which it wasn't."

"They treated me like I was a horrible person instead of someone who had just encountered being beaten and raped. I was 4 months pregnant when I went to jail. After I had my baby, I was really angry. Angry that I had gotten all that time [40 years] for defending myself and my unborn child."

"Women are the backbone to our families. Women are the glue that hold families together. When the mother is not there, it has a snowball effect on kids. The support is broken. The dynamics of the family are shattered. There is no more bonding, no more nurturing. It collapses the family."

"I just want my experiences to be helpful for women coming out. I've been through a whole lot, but I keep getting back up every time I'm knocked down. I've done my time; I've done everything the court system told me to do. I wish they would just let me live my life, but they won't. I was just denied my application to become a Licensed Chemical Dependency counselor because there is a lifetime ban on my conviction. I have two masters degrees, but can't use them because of my conviction."



How can we prevent women from entering the criminal legal system?

1. Stop incarcerating mothers.
2. Let's address the root causes of what's going on, because prison is not the right place for healing.
3. For women who are in prison, we need meaningful programs tailored toward women's needs.

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