

Women Defendants", and "'Till Death Do Us Part."

4) The **Public Education Unit** responds to requests from the media and the public at large for information regarding domestic violence and battered women's defense issues. In addition, this project maintains a proactive stance in seeking opportunities to further educate the public about root causes of domestic violence, solutions needed to eliminate such violence, and the unique dynamics affecting battered women who find themselves faced with criminal charges.

5) The **Organizing Unit** and the development of a National Supporting Members' Network continues to build on the successes of the National Clearinghouse during its first years in creating alliances among battered women, incarcerated women, advocates, and members of the criminal justice community. Through this network, the National Clearinghouse facilitates the sharing of vital resources among these various groups. In addition, emphasis is placed upon organizing and leadership development among women of color, as well as formerly and currently incarcerated battered women.

All five project areas have been developed concurrently and are on-going in nature. Your support will help the National Clearinghouse to continue to provide services in each of its project areas.