## Biographical Sketch for Mary Pfister:

Mary Pfister has 35 years experience working with both battered women's services and substance abuse treatment services. Mary has worked with homeless families and the prison inmate population, and presently works as a Substance Abuse Service Coordinator in Western Massachusetts, for the Department of Children & Families, as a consultant to staff and supervisors around parental substance use issues. Ms. Pfister has served on the board of Directors for a local DV shelter since 2000 and has participated on working committees to affect policy on domestic violence, incarcerated mothers and prostitution.