

## **Summit House Report to the North Carolina General Assembly Addendum**

### **Data Sources for Graphs**

- Average cost per day of incarcerating a woman at the Correctional Institution for Women in Raleigh: Department of Corrections Research and Planning, 2002.
- Average cost per day of providing services to a woman at Summit House: Summit House residential financial and statistical data base.
- Average daily cost of foster care: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, 2002.
- Average daily cost of a child in a North Carolina Training School: Department of Juvenile Justice, 2002.
- Juvenile Justice Community Based Residential Treatment: Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Average cost per day of providing services to children: Summit House residential financial and statistical data base.
- Recidivism rate for female inmates: Department of Corrections Research and Planning, 2002.
- Recidivism rate for Summit House graduates: Summit House residential financial and statistical data base.

### **Cost Comparison**

- Cost per day for an incarcerated woman is based on the close custody rate established by the Department of Corrections. The close custody inmate more nearly compares to the Summit House client.
- Summit House mothers are chronic offenders who have been sentenced to multiple sanctions in an effort to break the cycle of crime which is their life style. None of the sanctions (drug court, day reporting center, house arrest, and other community based sanctions) have been successful.
- For a mother ordered to Summit House, the only alternative is prison. The judge will often modify the court order sending a woman to Summit House to mandate that the woman will go straight to prison if she does not succeed at Summit House.

### **Collaboration**

From its inception, Summit House has worked to establish collaborative relationships with community groups whose services can benefit Summit House mothers and children. This collaboration also avoids duplication of services and saves the program money.

### **Personnel**

Summit House is an intermediate sanction for chronic offenders. In addition, Summit House is a highly structured and controlled residential treatment program that provides comprehensive services to both mother and child. In order to maintain the highest professional standards, Summit House hires only professionals who have Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degrees. To successfully implement the behavior modification therapy that is used by Summit House to bring about change in the lives of clients, the program must maintain a highly qualified staff.