EDUCATION

Educational attainment is closely correlated to one’s economic success and well-being. Examples of initiatives might include:

- programs that prepare children to enter school ready to learn or programs delivering quality after-school/summer academic or enrichment experiences;
- literacy programs for children or parents;
- efforts to ensure students’ graduation from high school;
- efforts to address life skills and/or job skills for adult women.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Many factors influence women’s abilities to achieve financial independence. Among them are workforce participation, earnings and education attainment. Examples of possible initiatives might include:

- programs for women business owners to ensure the growth and success of their firms;
- efforts that encourage women and/or youth to pursue non-traditional career opportunities;
- programs enhancing women and/or children’s personal financial management, budgeting, saving, investing.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

The majority of factors that contribute to the health and well-being of women and children are lifestyle-related, but problems may be exacerbated by inadequate access to quality, affordable healthcare services. Examples of possible initiatives might include:

- programs improving access to prenatal care and risk reduction for pregnant women/girls;
- programs providing physical and mental health information to women and children;
- nutrition and health education programs to address issues such as obesity and/or eating disorders;
- programs addressing issues that lead to substance abuse among women and children.

VIOLENCE AND CRIME

Women and children experience many forms of violence. In addition to the immediate results of victimization, there are often longer-term impacts. Victimization often plays a role in delinquent and criminal behavior. Examples of possible initiatives might include:

- programs promoting healthy child/parent interaction in order to prevent child abuse and neglect;
- programs addressing issues that lead to spousal and child abuse;
- programs for women and children who have been victims of violence;
- gender-specific intervention services to address the increasing number of females in the criminal justice system.