The Crisis of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault and Mass Incarcerations Amongst Women of Color

**WHAT:** The first is a series of listening sessions held during the Congressional Black Caucus Conference to educate policy makers, local and national leaders and community members at-large about the impact of domestic and family violence on the Black community.

**WHO:** The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community is partnering with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas to co-host this event.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 21, 2017
2:00pm – 4:00pm

**WHERE:** The Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Place NW
Washington, DC 20001
Room 124B

**WHY:** Women of color face unique challenges that shape how they experience and respond to domestic violence, which can lead to increased difficulty in finding support in times of crisis. High rates of poverty, poor education, limited job resources, language barriers, and fear of deportation are all barriers to receiving the life-changing support they may desperately need. In addition to these challenges, incarceration rates among women of color are steadily on the rise and have lead to yet another form of victimization in the Black Community – from the criminal justice system. Key stakeholders will come together to discuss this crisis among women of color and how to minimize barriers to appropriate culturally-specific services.