



12 - Considerations when working with women

1. Attention needs to focus on a woman's role as a mother
2. Examine the relationships in the woman's life
3. Give attention to a history of physical and sexual abuse
4. Education about drugs and alcohol and their effects on pregnancy, birth control, AIDS, and other STDs.
5. The availability of childcare services need review and attention
6. Couples and family therapies are recommended
7. Low self-esteem needs attention
8. Sexism and its consequences should be explored
9. Try to avoid sedative drugs if possible
10. Assess need for parenting education and refer if needed
11. Family members may need therapy
12. Aggressive confrontation is NOT recommended

