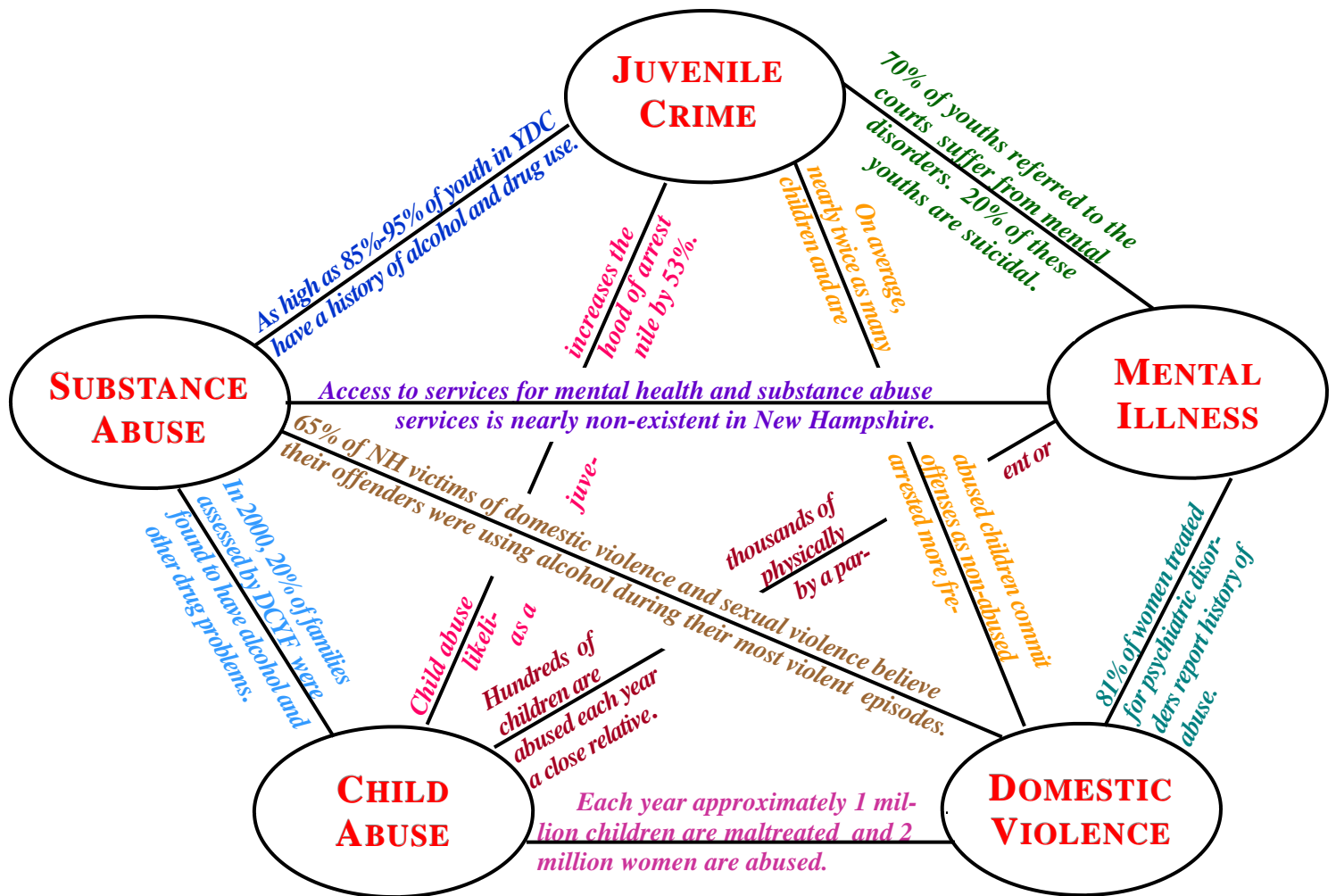


WEB OF CHALLENGES FACING CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN BELKNAP COUNTY



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As children and families cannot live with dignity and respect in these circumstances, the *Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families* is working to reduce some of the root causes of these problems by promoting the philosophy of “Community Justice” throughout Belknap County. “Community Justice” blends the values of Balanced and Restorative Justice with proven strategies in Prevention and Asset-based Community Development. Citizens from every community in Belknap County, appointed as Council members by the County Commissioners through an application process, advance the principles of Community Justice by:

- ◆ Talking and listening to citizens throughout Belknap County,
- ◆ Creating and working together in networks of citizens and professionals to work on identified issues and problems,
 - ◆ Advocating on behalf of children and families in Belknap County,
 - ◆ Reporting back to citizens on the status of children and families in Belknap County.

Citizen volunteers, professional service providers, business and industry leaders, elected officials and many more are now working together in different teams, partnerships, and networks on all of these issues.

Additional information on how to be a “champion” for Community Justice in your community or throughout the County—as either a member of the Belknap County Citizens Council or one of its variety of networks and partners—is available by calling 528-3185 or visiting www.bccj.org