Girls are disproportionately entered into the justice system because of status offenses at critical stages of the justice process and this leads to out-of-home placement at residential centers, foster homes and correctional facilities. In 2011, girls accounted for 28% of all petitioned delinquency cases, but 41% of petitioned status offense cases. Status offenses need to be understood in the context of the girls’ experiences because the root cause of status offenses is trauma. For example, when a girl runs away from a trafficker or abuser. What is interpreted as delinquent behavior or pointless acting out is often their attempt to assume the burden of taking care of themselves.