**HANDOUT 17A.1: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER ACTIVITY**

**Case Study 1**:

Ria is a 24 year old transgender woman who left the refugee (or IDP) camp where her family lives about a few months ago because she was being harassed by community members and her family was also threatening her. She now lives outside of the camp with a cousin who is a married to a local. The cousin is supportive of Ria but can only allow her to stay temporarily while her husband is away for a few months working. Ria has recently started coming to your center to help with her identification and housing. She has clear with you that she identifies as a woman. This week you notice that Ria looks as though she has been in a fight and when you ask her if she is okay, she discloses that she was raped by her cousin’s friend who had given her some temporary work at a local shop. She needs the money and she is afraid to tell her cousin what happened. He told her that if she told anyone he would report her and her cousin to the local authorities who she knows would arrest and detain them. Ria breaks down and says she does not know what to do—she needs the money that she is making from this job and knows that this man is a friend of her cousin’s who is taking a risk to have Ria in her home. She also doesn’t have any other housing options right now.

**Questions**:

What are Ria’s primary concerns?

If you were doing an assessment with Ria, what would you focus on?

What options for services could you explore in this situation? What will be the challenges in accessing those services and how can you mitigate those challenges?

**Case Study 2**:

Maya is a 25 year old woman who has had for several years a secret relationship with her female partner, Aime. Maya still lives with her family and they think that Aime is just a very close friend. One month Maya and Aime were walking home from a wedding ceremony at night and they were attacked by a person at the wedding ceremony who had been following them. They recognized the person as a relative of their friend who had been staring at them during the wedding party. He beat Aime and forced her to watch as he raped Maya, threatening both of them that if they told anyone what he did he would expose their relationship. They both knew that he was a powerful and respected man in the community and that people already suspected their relationship. Maya volunteers at your center and she asks to speak with you in private and tells you what happened.

**Questions**:

What are your major concerns for this case?

What resources and services would you explore? What would be the major gaps / challenges with resources and services for Maya?

How might you involve Aime in Maya’s care? What would be beneficial in doing so? How might it be challenging?