

How to support women living with HIV who have experienced violence

These factors increase the likelihood of women experiencing violence

- ! Incarceration
- ! Opioid & stimulant use
- ! Food & housing insecurity
- ! Non-consensual HIV status disclosure
- ! Being younger than age 30

96%

of women in SHAWNA have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime

19%

of women in SHAWNA have experienced violence within the past 6 months

Calls to Action!

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Address ongoing and systematic violence perpetuated against women living with HIV

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Focus policies & programs on protecting the safety, rights & privacy of women living with HIV

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Increase trauma-informed & low-barrier supports for housing, incarceration & substance use

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Strengthen & support trauma & violence responsive organizations & services

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Decriminalize substance use & end over-incarceration of women living with HIV

06

Support Indigenous-led initiatives to increase cultural safety across service sectors

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