

# Addressing the harms of non-consensual HIV status disclosure

## DID YOU KNOW?

These experiences increase the likelihood of women experiencing HIV stigma through verbal and/or physical violence

- Being unhoused/living on the street
- Non-consensual HIV status disclosure

# 47%

of women in SHAWNA have had their HIV status disclosed without their consent

# 34%

of women in SHAWNA have experienced HIV stigma through verbal and/or physical violence

## Calls to Action!

### 01

Improve education & training about HIV for media personnel & law enforcement

### 04

Increase access to programs that address gender-based violence

### 02

Eradicate overly broad use of criminal law against people with HIV with respect to HIV disclosure

### 05

Use trauma-informed & culturally safe principles in health care, including HIV services

### 03

Educate health care providers on the importance of safe HIV status disclosure practices

### 06

Establish programs & policies in health care that foster inclusivity & privacy

Note: The SHAWNA Project's recruits participants who self-identity as women. However, recognizing gender fluidity, including over time, some participants have other or more gender identities. In addition to trans & cis women, ~2% of the cohort comprises of non-binary participants. Of Indigenous participants, ~13% are Two-Spirit.

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