How to support women living with HIV who have experienced violence

These factors increase the likelihood of women experiencing violence:
1. Incarceration
2. Opioid & stimulant use
3. Food & housing insecurity
4. Non-consensual HIV status disclosure
5. 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!

01. Address ongoing and systematic violence perpetuated against women living with HIV
02. Increase trauma-informed & low-barrier supports for housing, incarceration & substance use
03. Decriminalize substance use & end over-incarceration of women living with HIV
04. Focus policies & programs on protecting the safety, rights & privacy of women living with HIV
05. Strengthen & support trauma & violence responsive organizations & services
06. Support Indigenous-led initiatives to increase cultural safety across service sectors

Reference: