Addressing barriers to stable housing among women living with HIV

66% of women living with HIV reported being unhoused or having unstable housing in the last 6 months.

These experiences increased the likelihood of women being unhoused and/or facing housing instability:
- Sex work
- Using stimulants
- Physical/sexual violence
- Living in the Downtown Eastside
- Being hospitalized

Calls to Action!

01 Increase gender-inclusive & responsive housing programs on reducing structural inequities

02 Increase affordable housing programs with coinciding policy & low-barrier requirements

03 Integrate harm-reduction & trauma-informed principles within treatment programs

04 Increase healthcare access for people facing housing instability & homelessness

05 Increase cultural safety within programs to improve women's mental & spiritual wellbeing

Note: The SHAWNA Project's recruits participants who self-identify 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.