



## WOMEN'S HEALTH IN WOMEN'S HANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

### RESEARCH PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Title:	<b>A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS TO ACHIEVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOR BLACK WOMEN AND WOMEN OF COLOUR</b>
Principal Investigator(s):	Dr. Charmaine Williams
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#### **Project Summary:**

The aim of this project was to examine barriers and facilitators of access to primary health care services for African, Caribbean, Latin American and South Asian women living in the GTA. The project paid special attention to homeless women, lesbian, HIV positive women and those without legal status from these populations to determine impact of sexual orientation, homelessness, HIV status and lack of legal status on ability to access primary healthcare.

Based on the findings from the study - a service delivery model was developed and pilot tested; A health passport was also developed and has been and continues to be distributed widely; A study report and its distribution is currently being finalized.