



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

RESEARCH PROJECT OVERVIEW

Title:	WCBR PROJECT: OPTIMIZING THE HEALTH OF ONTARIO WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV THROUGH KNOWLEDGE TO ACTION
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Project Duration/ Funding:	Funding: CIHR Amount: 89,037 Duration: 2011 - 2012

Project Summary:

This project will disseminate findings from the “WCBR Project” where we worked with women living with HIV (WLWH) and their services providers across the province of Ontario to determine ideas and priorities for research. To support uptake of results by decision makers, we will: a) develop a user friendly community report highlighting the findings to increase accessibility of results to decision makers including WLWH; b) develop a 20-25 minutes film for use by multiple audiences highlighting the processes we used to do research that benefits WLWH with women, lessons learned, opportunities utilized to deal with challenges identified through the process, strategies to move forward and a call to action for more women specific research; c) Plan and delivery seven regional meetings to bring together WLWH and other service users, researchers, service providers, health advocates/community members and policy makers to network, share findings from WCBR project and other research being done on women and HIV, develop action plans to move a women and HIV research agenda forward; establish linkages and have open discussions between researchers and WLWH to build trust and improve relationships to support effective execution of research and maximize Knowledge to Action activities. Promotion of project activities, summary of outcomes, community report and film will be distributed widely using the websites of partners involved, their extended networks, list serve(s) and other methods known to work with stakeholders of interest.