



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

RESEARCH PROJECT OVERVIEW

Title:	A CONSULTATION WITH ACB RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE GTA: TOWARD DEVELOPING AND TESTING AN INTERVENTION TO REDUCE STIGMA AMONG FAITH COMMUNITIES
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Project Summary:

Previous research with African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) communities in Toronto has shown that stigma is a salient factor in people's ideas about and response to HIV affecting ACB communities. Moreover, ACB people have identified faith communities as integral to how those communities may address stigma. The proposed initiative is a 1-day consultation with ACB faith leaders, researchers, service providers and people living with HIV/AIDS to develop research that may reduce stigma. Specifically, the consultation will facilitate the formation of a multi-stakeholder team and community agreement to develop intervention research to reduce a stigma, focusing on ACB faith leaders, their congregations and affiliated communities.