



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

RESEARCH PROJECT OVERVIEW

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| Title: | ONTARIO WOMEN STUDY: WHAT ONTARIO WOMEN HAVE TO SAY ABOUT HIV PREVENTION: IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT |
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Project Summary:

This project will explore how targeted HIV prevention programs for women living in Ontario can be improved. Objectives of the project include:

- to document among different populations of women in Ontario, their understanding of HIV acquisition and the social, structural, racial, gender-based and economic factors that influence women's individual HIV-related risk behaviours;
- to determine, from the perspectives of the different populations of women themselves, best practices for reducing HIV among the different populations of women living in Ontario; and
- to transfer this knowledge to decision makers at all levels of Government to drive enhanced HIV prevention policies and programming for women in Ontario and Canada.