

PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

TransFormed: Addressing partner violence from Two-Spirit, Nonbinary, and Trans perspectives

PROJECT GOALS:

- To understand how partner violence is experienced by Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans community members in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), in a manner that meets safety, trauma-related, and confidentiality needs
- To respond to the needs of Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans community members through peer-led intervention approaches and capacity-building activities among Ontario health and multi-sector providers, thereby increasing access to effective and equitable health and social supports.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To establish effective partnerships between Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans communities and multi-sector agencies that provide services, programs, training, and/or research to support the overall needs of the communities affected by partner violence.
- To conduct ethical, trauma-informed, community-based and mixed-method research in the GTA.
- To create and disseminate health promotion tools designed by peers for Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans community members.
- To utilize research findings to develop and launch new trainings and a knowledge exchange symposium for service providers.
- To evaluate all project activities (eg. partnerships, research, and knowledge exchange) for continuous quality improvement, impact and sustainability.

PROJECT ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

The project brings together Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans people and an Advisory Committee, comprised of researchers and multi-sector agencies, to examine and address current issues, challenges, and barriers to health and social supports for community members affected by partner violence.

A Peer Leadership Group, comprised of people with lived experience, in collaboration with the project team and the Advisory Committee, will lead community-grounded research on Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans communities to identify unique experiences of partner violence, barriers to health and social supports, and promising practices in health promotion.

The Peer Leadership Group, in collaboration with the project team, will lead the design and development of relevant tools and resources to help Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans individuals affected by partner violence build resilience, knowledge and awareness.

New tools and resources will be developed to train and support health and social service providers, and to enhance competencies and practices for working with Two-Spirit, Nonbinary and Trans individuals affected by partner violence.

Evaluation: Project outputs and outcomes will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and a final evaluation report will be produced.

DEFINITIONS:

Two-Spirit: refers to a person who has both a masculine and a feminine spirit, and is used by some First Nations people to describe their sexual, gender and/or spiritual identity (www.lgbtqhealth.ca)

Nonbinary: gender identities that do not exist rigidly or exclusively on the gender binary. Nonbinary identities are varied and can include people who identify with some aspects of the binary identity, while others reject them entirely (Transformed Project Peer Leadership Group)

Trans: an umbrella term referring to people with diverse gender identities and expressions that differ from stereotypical gender norms (www.ohrc.on.ca)

PROJECT LEAD



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