


BEYOND BRICKS AND MORTAR WEBINAR SERIES

LESSONS LEARNED IN CENTERING SURVIVORS VOICES IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



For this installation of Beyond Bricks and Mortar Webinar Series we were joined by WomanACT, Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society along with Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society as they shared ways in which they have incorporated survivors' voices in their work.

This document summarizes some of the thoughts & ideas shared in the session, along with BCSTH and external resources you may find useful on page 2. Click  on page 2 to access external links.



CENTERING SURVIVORS' VOICES PROVIDES MEANING TO SURVIVORS BY...

AGENCY AND CONTROL

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RESOURCES

PEER SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

ENGAGEMENT IN SYSTEM & PROGRAM CHANGE

CENTERING SURVIVORS' VOICES PROVIDES VALUE TO ORGANIZATIONS BY...

IMPROVES PROGRAM & SERVICE QUALITY

BUILDS TRUST & RAPPORT WITH COMMUNITY

STRENGTHENS ADVOCACY & POLICY INITIATIVES

FACILITATES ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

PROMOTES TRAUMA INFORMED ORGANIZATIONS

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SURVIVOR CENTERED

“Survivor-Centered is a way for organizations to make sure they are CLIENT-Centered”

(OCASI, 2023)



C.A.R.E MODEL

“You don’t need to have all the answers. Showing up with C.A.R.E can make all the difference”

(WomanACT, 2024)



PROMISING PRACTICES IN VAW TRANSITION HOUSES & SHELTERS

“Shelter and transition house practice exchange involves both ‘head knowledge’ and ‘heart and body knowledge’”

(Practice Implementation Manual, 2016)



ANTI-RACIST & ANTI-OPPRESSIVE & TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH

“Addressing trauma must include dealing with stressors of historical, intergenerational and cultural forms of oppression”

(WomanACT,, 2021)



NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

“56% of trans women have had a partner that insulted, swore, shouted or yelled at them”

(Canadian Women’s Foundation)



“96% of service providers identified improved coordination between the immigrant-serving and anti-violence sectors as a priority”

(Gender-Based Violence Settlement Strategy Project Team, 2023)



“Promote the self-determination and autonomy of all people”

(CASW Code of Ethics, 2024)



BCSTH ONLINE COURSES



FOUNDATIONS IN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN V2.0

BUILDING SUPPORTS FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEE WOMEN IN TRANSITION HOUSING PROGRAMS

“Seeing survivors in their wholeness as individuals is key - beyond their survivor identities - parent, professional, artist ... to name a few”

(Women’s Aid UK, 2024)



“After living through domestic abuse, many women wish to speak out, tell others about their experiences and use their expertise to create change”

(Women’s Aid UK, 2025)

