



***BUILDING AN INTERSECTORAL NETWORK ON TRANS-AFFIRMING
PRACTICE TO SUPPORT SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS***

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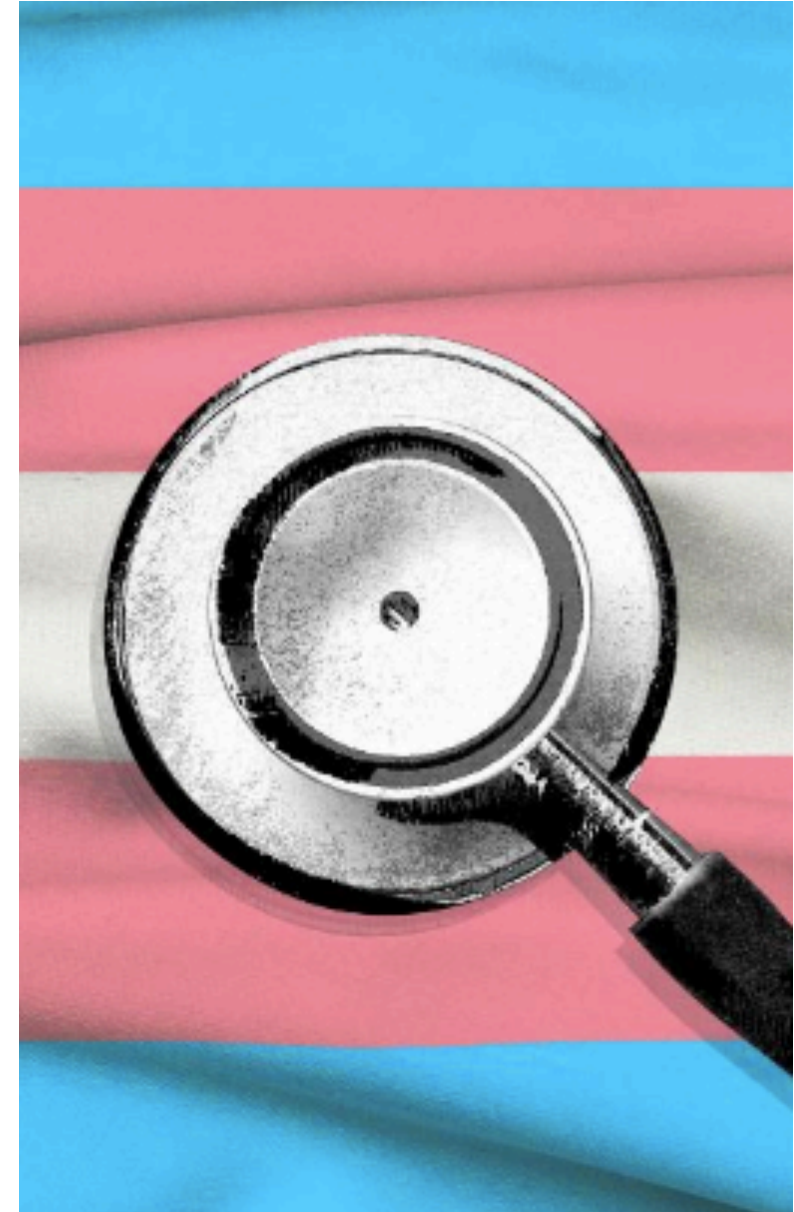
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BACKGROUND

- Approximately 20% of trans Ontarian have experienced lifetime sexual and/or physical violence as a **direct result of their gender identity** (Bauer & Scheim, 2015).
- Trans survivors may have complex and unique needs in navigating care (e.g., lack of social supports, potential involvement in sex work, lifetime exposure to violence) (Bauer & Scheim, 2015)
- Due to past and/or anticipated experiences of stigma, discrimination, and violence in healthcare settings, trans survivors are **less likely** to seek care post-victimization (Bauer et al., 2014; munson & Cook-Daniels, 2016)
- 68% of trans people in Ontario live outside Toronto (Bauer et al., 2010)



PROGRAM OF RESEARCH:

PHASE I

Established need for trans-specific training for nurses at Ontario's SA/DVTCs and increased collaboration with LGBTQ2S+ services



PHASE II

Developed 31 evidence-informed nursing competencies for trans-affirming care with advisory group of trans community members and allies



PHASE III

Developed, piloted, and evaluated an in-person training with 47 nurses representing the diversity of Ontario's 35 SA/DVTCs



PHASE IV

Adapted in-person curriculum to online format to expand reach to all SA/DVTC nurses across the province



PHASE V

7 Regional Knowledge Mobilization and Community Engagement Sessions

- 1. Mobilize Knowledge:** Share information on newly developed and evaluated curriculum to train nurses from across Ontario's 35 SA/DVTCs to provide trans-affirming support to survivors of sexual assault.
- 2. Engage Community:**
 - a) Regionally:** Form connections between trans-positive community organizations and SA/DVTCs with the goal of establishing longer-term referral relationships, increased collaboration, and a continuum of care for survivors.
 - b) Provincially:** Brainstorm about the potential of a province-wide intersectoral network on trans-affirming supports for trans survivors of sexual assault through the advancement of practice, policy, and research in this area.



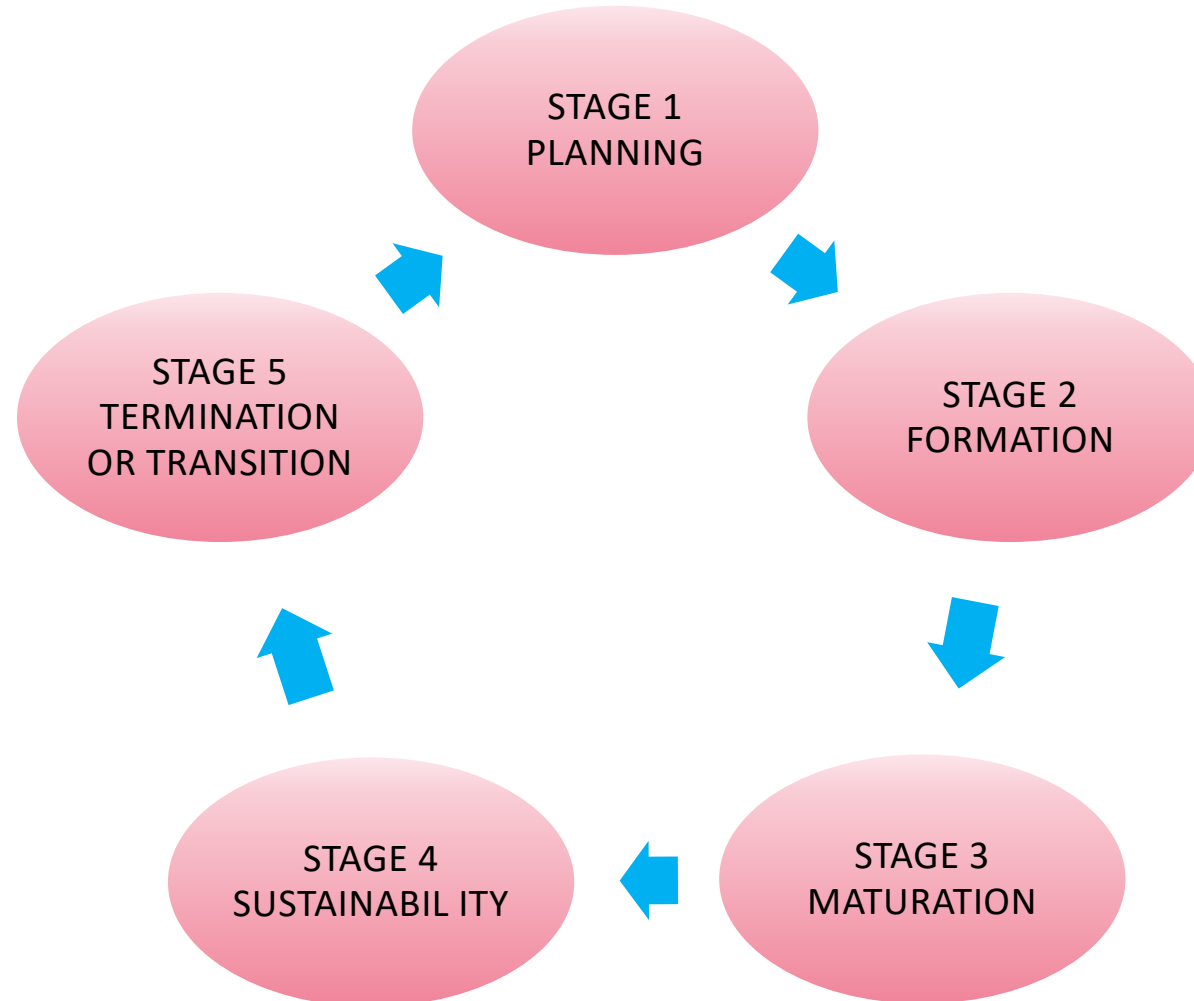
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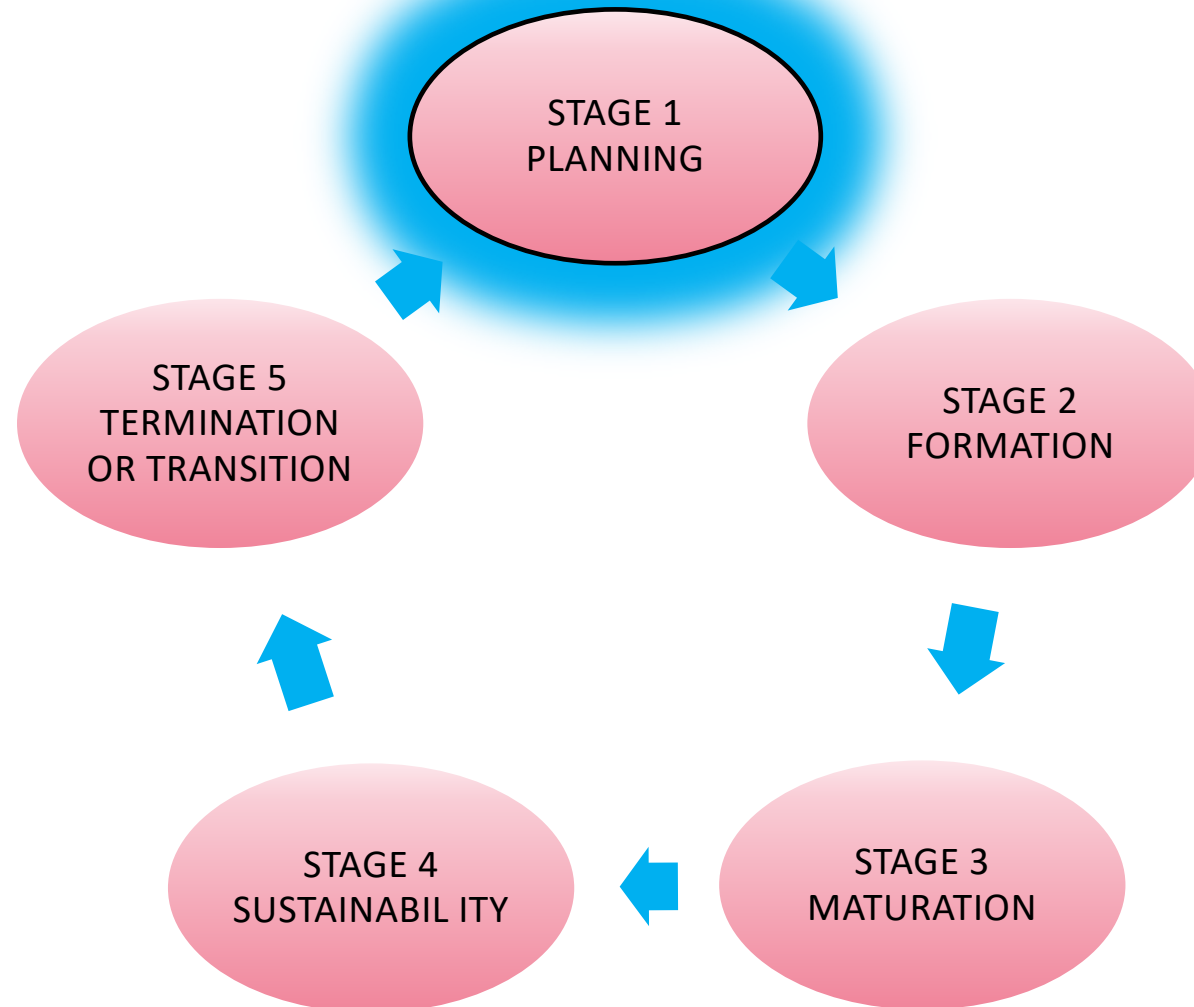
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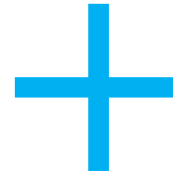


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WE DID IT!



Toronto (Pink Cube - June 7)



Central West (Mississauga - June 11)



Central East (North York - June 19)



Southwest (London - June 24)



Eastern (Ottawa - June 27)



Northeast (Sudbury - July 2)



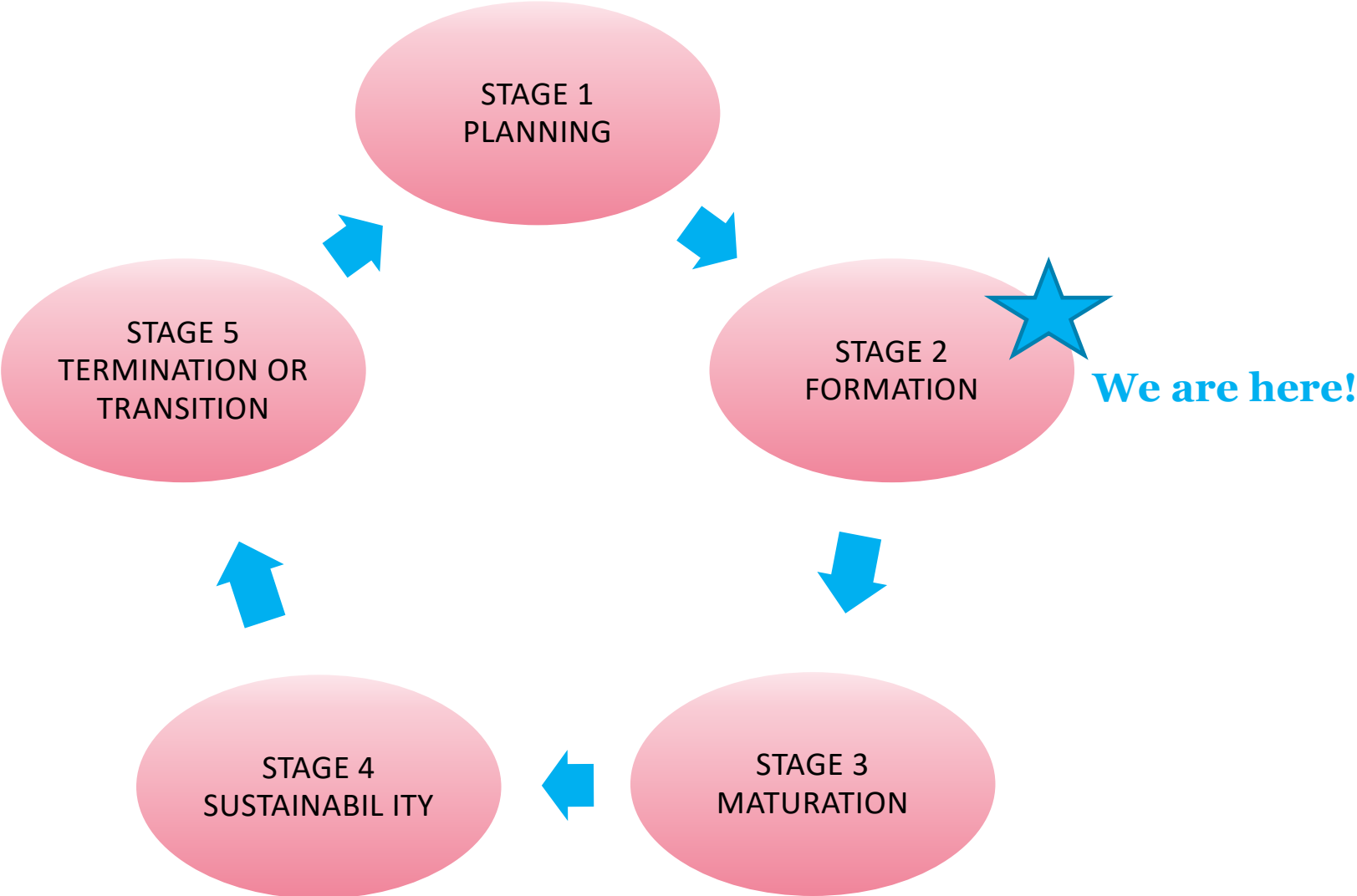
Northwest (Thunder Bay - July 11)

DATA ANALYSIS AND PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

- Coded and synthesized recurrent themes across activities and meetings
- Four most prominent themes are:
 - Education/Training
 - Peer Involvement
 - Lack of Resources
 - Accessibility



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STAGE 2 FORMATION:

Negotiate Network Identity

Survey Network Members - Determine motivations, expectations, resources, additional members, existing networks.

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