

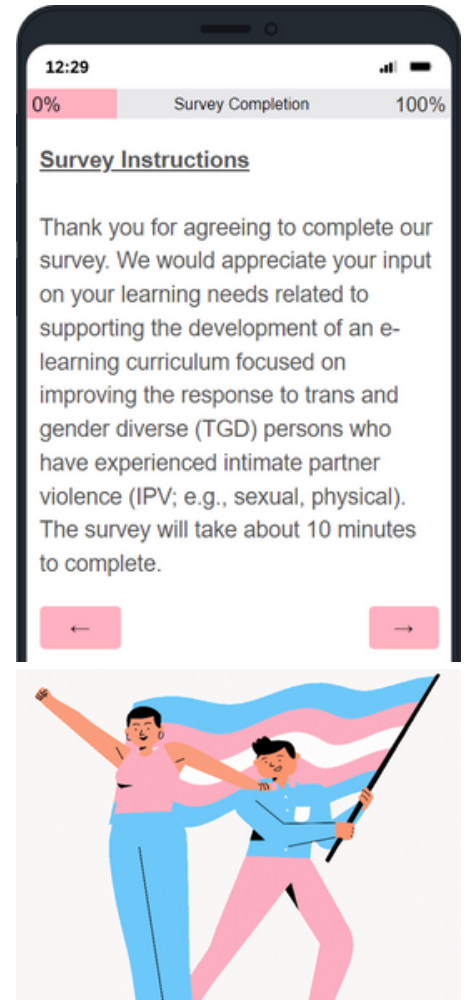


# Mobilizing Partnerships to Advance a Provincial Intersectoral Network on Trans-affirming Practice to Support Sexual Assault Survivors



## New Survey – \$25 e-gift card upon completion!

We recently launched a survey to identify the learning needs of social service and healthcare providers on supporting trans and gender diverse persons who have experienced intimate partner violence. Findings from this survey will be critical to the development of our planned e-learning curriculum. We would love your insights and, as a token of our appreciation, you will receive a \$25 e-gift card for your time. The link to the survey has been emailed, but if you cannot find it, please let Daisy Kosa know (sarahdaisy.kosa@wchospital.ca).



## New Publication

### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### Advancing community-engaged research during the COVID-19 pandemic: Insights from a social network analysis of the trans-LINK Network

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### Abstract

Collaboration across sectors is critical to address complex health problems, particularly during the current COVID-19 pandemic. We examined the ability to collaborate during the pandemic as part of a baseline evaluation of an intersectoral network of healthcare and community organizations established to improve the collective response to transgender (trans) persons who have been sexually assaulted (the trans-LINK Network). A validated social network analysis survey was sent to 119 member organizations in Ontario, Canada. Survey respondents were asked, "Has COVID-19 negatively affected your organization's ability to collaborate with other organizations on the support of trans survivors of sexual assault?" and "How has COVID-19 negatively affected your organization's ability to collaborate within the trans-LINK Network?". Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics. Seventy-eight member organizations participated in the survey (response rate = 66%). Most

Our newest publication examines the ability of organizations within the Network to collaborate with each other during the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizational representatives also provided suggestions to prevent and address the challenges, barriers, and disruptions to serving trans survivors experienced during the pandemic. These insights were used to develop recommendations to advance the Network, in particular in the context of this and other public health emergencies.

The study was published in PLoS ONE and is freely available [here](#). Thanks to those of you who participated in this study; we appreciate your valuable contributions!

## Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome three new members to the trans-LINK Network:

- Friends of Ruby (Toronto)



- Out of the Box Counselling & Collaborations (Kitchener)

**OUT OF THE BOX**  
Counselling & Collaborations

- Interwoven Souls (Toronto)
  - Creative Therapy with Art, Metaphors, Presence and Awareness, for Personal Growth

You will be able to learn more about these new members in the trans-LINK WebPortal online directory and trans-LINK Network Resource Directory.

## Upcoming Panel Presentation

### "Partnering with Service Providers to Improve the Health of Women, Trans, and Non-binary People"

Our project director Dr. Janice Du Mont and principal knowledge user Sheila Macdonald (Director, Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres) are participating in a panel discussion hosted by the Partnership for Women's Health Research Canada.

The discussion will take place from 12:00 - 1:30 pm EDT on Wednesday, November 23rd. If you are interested in attending, please register [here](#).

## Potential National Expansion of the trans-LINK Network

We have submitted a proposal to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to scale up the trans-LINK Network nationally and expand its focus to include intimate partner violence. We anticipate hearing the results in Spring 2023.

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