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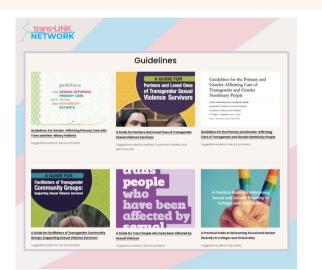
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## S<u>trans-LINK</u> NETWORK

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

## trans-LINK WebPortal Social Media Launch

We are thrilled to announce that the trans-LINK WebPortal officially launched to the public on March 10 through a series of tweets and other social media posts.



If you haven't had the chance, please like and share our **posts** in your own communities and professional networks. The trans-LINK Network is growing and happily accepting new member applications!



Research on sexual assault and intimate partner violence (SA/IPV) seldom accounts for the needs and experiences of trans survivors. Together, we hope to fix that. With support from the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres and Egale Canada in particular, the trans-LINK Network will soon be **launching a survey** to determine research priorities in the area of SA/IPV against trans persons.

As there is limited evidence in this area, we will be asking diverse stakeholders from academia/research, government/policy, advocacy, health and social services, professional associations/organizations, foundations, and transgender and survivor communities to generate and prioritize research questions. As trans-LINK Network members and experts in your field, we hope you will contribute your valuable opinions and insights related to your professional and/or lived experiences to this process.



Keep an eye out for our survey invitation and link, which we'll be sending very soon!

## On the Horizon - trans-LINK Regional Focus Groups

Developing the trans-LINK Network during the COVID-19 pandemic has come with new challenges that have prevented us from communicating, connecting, and collaborating. With the two-year anniversary of the trans-LINK Project approaching, we feel it's time to refocus our attention at the regional level, in the communities where local healthcare and social service providers continue to devise new and affirming ways to support trans sexual assault survivors in spite of the barriers brought about by the pandemic.

This summer, we'll be hosting 7 Regional Key Informant Focus Groups that bring together existing trans-LINK Network members to discuss how you have confronted the COVID-19 crisis and how we as a group can enhance communication, connectivity, and collaboration in the care and support of trans sexual assault survivors.

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