



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

Launch of the trans-LINK WebPortal:

Across numerous stages of development, knowledge sharing and exchange has been a key area of interest for trans-LINK Network members. We first learned that knowledge sharing and exchange was important to you during our initial planning meetings in Summer 2019 (Saad et al., 2019). Through a subsequent survey about Network activities and deliverables, you specified that the creation of a knowledge sharing portal was a priority for the Network to undertake (Du Mont et al., 2020). Most recently, we surveyed you about perceptions of online information related to the care and support of trans survivors, including its accessibility, trustworthiness, and overall quality.



40.9%

UNABLE TO

efficiently find information on care/support of trans survivors of sexual assault on the Internet



53.8%

DISSATISFIED WITH

the information on care/support of trans survivors of sexual assault found on the Internet



JUST 16.9%

trust the information on care/support of trans survivors of sexual assault found on the Internet

We also asked you about important materials we might include on an interactive WebPortal.

Interactive directory of services and support to enhance referrals and improve access

Courses, Curricula, and Webinars



videos/
podcasts



blog posts



websites



info-
graphics

The WebPortal is now live! Please take a look through the freely available tools and resources:

<https://www.translinknetwork.com/>

Launch of the Trans-affirming Care Curriculum:

While the trans-LINK WebPortal contains a wide array of content focused on improving trans-affirming practice, we are particularly excited about sharing our updated Trans-affirming Sexual Assault Care Curriculum, which is now available on the WebPortal under the 'Curricula' tab.

The curriculum, for use in-person, is evidence-informed, developed and evaluated in collaboration with trans community members and their allies, and free-of-charge. It includes a general introduction to the issue (Key Terms, Experiences of Sexual Assault, and Interactions with Healthcare) as well as core elements for the practice of forensic nursing (Initial Assessment, Medical Care, Forensic Examination, and Discharge & Referral). Although based on competencies for forensic sexual assault nurses, the information in this curriculum may have wider applicability in your practice as a general healthcare or social service provider. We hope that by using the training manual, training module, and facilitator's guide, you can become a leader in trans-affirming practice at your organization!

On the Horizon:

With the launch of the WebPortal, we are shifting gears to focus more meaningfully on advocacy and research. In the coming months, we plan to analyze qualitative data from our Advocacy and Accessibility working group and begin designing content for a campaign centered on promoting trans-affirming practice in the sexual assault context. We are also in the process of developing a survey that will ask you, the experts, to collaboratively determine research priorities in the areas of trans-affirming sexual assault support. Keep an eye out for updates!

Project Director

Janice Du Mont (she/her)

Project Coordinator

Joseph Friedman Burley (he/him)