

THE DISCLOSURE PROJECT

Researching Tools to Support Women and others living with HIV through Disclosure

WHAT:

An evidence-based intervention originally developed to support African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) women living with HIV to disclose their status to their sexual partners, children, family and/or service providers.

It was then adapted by other populations of people living with HIV across Ontario and tailored for youth, gay men, heterosexual men and individuals in rural cities.

WHY: ?

Intersecting determinants of stigma and discrimination such as HIV status, race, gender, criminalization of HIV non-disclosure and sexual orientation and make safe and voluntary disclosure very difficult.

This can have significant negative affects on one's overall health and wellness.

HOW: ⚙️

(3) Focus groups and (10) individual interviews with key populations were held across Ontario to determine the acceptability of the HIV disclosure intervention.

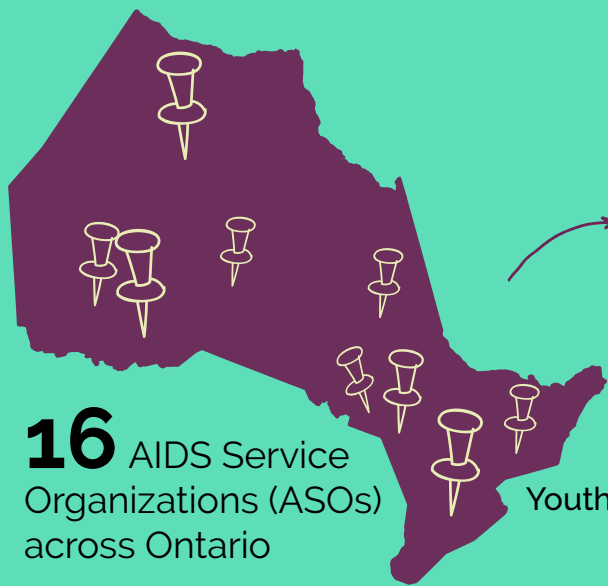
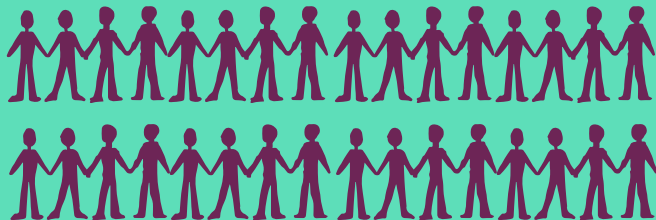
Interviews were transcribed verbatim and coded using NVivo. Grounded theory was used to determine emerging themes.

IMPACT:



A **training curriculum** on disclosure barriers & support in action was developed and shared with:

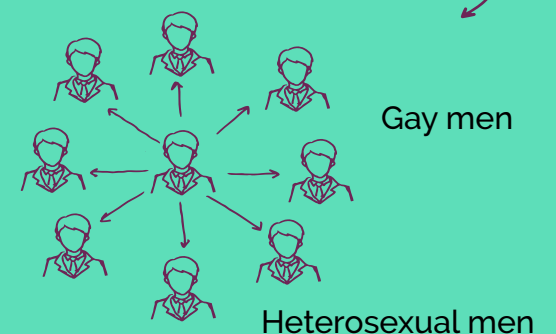
150 service providers from:



16 AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) across Ontario

92%

of training participants reported a **better understanding of the disclosure model** and it was later expanded for:



The Disclosure project resulted in multiple impacts including an **online toolkit, adaptations and use by partner organizations, presentations, research posters**, and inspiring **digital stories**

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