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## **Executive Summary**

The province of Saskatchewan has seen an increase in the prevalence of HIV, with Aboriginal women under the age of 30 being disproportionately represented. Research demonstrates that violence, sexual assault, and sexual abuse are linked to HIV infection in women, as both a cause and a consequence.

The current environmental scan employed an internet search to assess what type of programming, services and resources exist in Saskatchewan for women living with HIV who have experienced violence. The search also explored if there are any national hotlines and online sources of information that Saskatchewan women living with HIV who have experienced violence can access. This search was followed up with phone calls to many of the agencies listed to confirm what services are available to women, and in particular, services that women with HIV can access.

There are many agencies in Saskatchewan serving women who have experienced violence and a few that serve women living with HIV/AIDS. However, there are no agencies that specifically serve women living with HIV who have experienced violence. Telephone support for women who have experienced violence is readily available across the province; however, services are not specific to women living with HIV who have experienced violence. Online support, for women who experience violence, as well as for women who live with HIV/AIDS, is largely non-existent.

## 1. Introduction

It is estimated that between 54,000 - 76,000 Canadians were living with HIV at the end of 2008 (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2010a). HIV infection among Canadians is on the rise with an estimated 2,300 - 4,300 new infections during that year (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2010a). In Saskatchewan, the number of new HIV cases has climbed from 26 in 2002 to 200 in 2009 (Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, 2010). In 2009, the majority of new HIV cases were in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert (Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, 2010). According to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health (2010), the demographic of new infections in Saskatchewan differs from the rest of Canada in that 75% of new HIV diagnoses (as of 2009) are the result of injection drug use, up from only 50% in 1997.

Sexual intercourse with men and injection drug use are the two main causes of HIV infection for Canadian women (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2010b). A total of “2,001 AIDS cases and 10,799 positive HIV tests were reported among adult females” up to the end of 2008 (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2010b, p. 1). Aboriginal women are over represented in the HIV-positive population. During a 10-year span (1998-2008), “women represented 48.8% of all positive HIV test reports among Aboriginal people as compared with 20.6% of reports among those of other ethnicities” (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2010c, p. 1). In Saskatchewan, Aboriginal women account for a disproportionate number (93%) of the reported female cases of HIV under the age of 30 (Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, 2010).

Studies show that violence is linked to HIV infection in women, as both a cause and a consequence (Institute of Development Studies, n.d.). Violence puts women at risk of HIV infection and living with HIV makes women susceptible to violence (Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, 2009). As well, demographics are very similar between women who experience the highest risk of domestic violence and women who are at risk for HIV infection (Cohen et al., 2000).

Some of the links between HIV and violence are direct, while others are indirect (Health Canada, 2002). Hale and Vazquez (2011) define violence against women living with HIV as “any act, structure or process in which power is exerted in such a way as to cause physical, sexual, psychological, financial or legal harm to women living with HIV” (p.13).

According to the Canadian AIDS Treatment and Information Exchange (CATIE), women who have been victims of violence are more likely to engage in high risk behaviour that can increase their risk of contracting HIV, such as unprotected sex with multiple partners and substance use (2011). One study of 1,645 women living with HIV in the United States discovered a prevalence rate of 66% for domestic violence during the woman’s lifetime and a prevalence rate of nearly 25% for recent domestic violence. It was reported that these rates are higher than in populations of women seen in emergency rooms, drug treatment programs, sexually transmitted disease clinics and primary care settings (Cohen et al., 2000). A study of 287 women living with HIV in the United States revealed a 41% prevalence rate of childhood sexual abuse (Gielen et al., 2001).

Violence increases women's risk of contracting HIV in different ways. The consequences of childhood sexual abuse may include high-risk behaviours such as injecting drugs and engaging in unsafe sexual activities which will indirectly increase the woman's risk of infection. Sexual assault most often results in trauma as a result of the assault, as well as being placed at risk for contracting HIV from the perpetrator. In violent relationships, a woman may be sexually assaulted by her partner or be unable to or afraid to insist on condom use with her partner (Health Canada, 2002).

Women who are living with HIV may be at greater risk for physical, emotional, or sexual violence (Hale and Vazquez, 2011). An abusive partner may use a woman's HIV status as a means of controlling her. For example, he may threaten to tell family members or co-workers that she is HIV positive and because of this threat she may decide to stay in the abusive relationship. As well, women can be at risk for violence from intimate partners when they disclose their HIV-positive status (Health Canada, 2002). Women living with HIV/AIDS may experience violence and/or discrimination from their partner, family, and community (Hale and Vazquez, 2011).

## **2. Provincial Services for Women who have Experienced Violence**

There are 14 emergency shelters/transition houses (See Appendix A), for women who have experienced violence, in 10 communities in Saskatchewan (La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Fort Qu'Appelle, Regina, Moose Jaw, and Swift Current). As well, there is a shelter in Lloydminster, Alberta, very near to the Saskatchewan border. These shelters provide safe, confidential, and cost-free places for women and their children to stay on a temporary basis when they are fleeing an abusive situation. Staff at the shelters provide support, information, and referrals. Many shelters have outreach programs, children's programs, and incorporate traditional practices and teachings. Women do not need to be staying at the shelter to access support; staff are available for counselling via the telephone crisis lines 24 hours per day. Women can phone about anything: past abuse, questions about abuse, or just to talk. To gain admittance to the shelter, women usually must have been recently victimized or currently at risk of violence.

There are five second stage shelters (See Appendix A) located in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, and Swift Current. Second stage housing offers secure longer-term housing (generally up to one year) for women and their children who are still at risk after their stay in a crisis shelter has ended.

Twenty-seven counselling, support and outreach agencies (See Appendix A) across the province offer support to women who have experienced violence. These are located in: La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Big Island Lake Cree Nation, One Arrow First Nation, Onion Lake First Nation, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Battleford, Chakastapaysin First Nation/James Smith First Nation, Melfort, Hudson

Bay, Archerwill, Saskatoon, Humboldt, Yorkton, Kindersley, Regina, Swift Current, Weyburn, and Estevan.

While these service agencies do not offer programming specific to women living with HIV/AIDS who have experienced violence, HIV-positive women are welcome to receive services at any of these agencies for issues relating to violence that they are experiencing.

In addition, there are 18 victim services programs across Saskatchewan that provide services to victims during their involvement in the Criminal Justice System.

### **3. Provincial Services for People who have been Abused, including Sexual Abuse**

The scan revealed 13 counselling, support, and outreach service agencies (see Appendix B) in the province that offer support for women who have experienced sexual assault or abuse. These services are located in: Prince Albert, Lloydminster, North Battleford, Melfort, Hudson Bay, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Kindersley, Regina, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Weyburn, and Estevan.

Again, while the sexual assault service agencies do not offer programming specific to women living with HIV/AIDS who have experienced violence, women living with HIV would be welcome to receive services at any of these agencies for issues relating to sexual assault or abuse that they have experienced.

### **4. Provincial Services for People Living with HIV who have Experienced Violence or Abuse**

Seven agencies in Saskatchewan offer programs for people living with HIV/AIDS. These programs are located in: Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Yorkton, and Regina.

Services at all of these agencies include outreach services and one-on-one support. While programming specific to women who have experienced violence is not offered, support staff often assist women to find shelter when fleeing violence and refer their clients to violence-specific programs.

## 5. National Information or Support Services that can be Accessed via the Internet or Toll-Free Hotlines

### 5.1 Information: Violence Against Women Services

Many websites offer information on violence and abuse, including the websites of the shelter and service agencies listed in Appendix A. Other websites that might be especially helpful to women who are experiencing violence or abuse are: Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan, which offers information on abuse and what to do if you are experiencing abuse as well as a listing of Saskatchewan shelters and service agencies; and the Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses, which offers information on abuse and links to Provincial Associations across Canada.

As well, websites by Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan and the Court of Queen's Bench offer information pertaining to the law and domestic violence for Saskatchewan women. For information purposes (not counselling support), the Battered Women's Justice Project operates a toll-free hotline to answer questions about the legal system.

Useful information for survivors is also available on the US-based National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) website, which includes information on safety planning, workplace violence, and internet safety. See Appendix D for URLs and further information.

### 5.2 Information: Services for People who have been Abused, especially Sexual Abuse

Websites are available that provide information for people who have experienced sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse (See Appendix D). One very useful online resource for survivors is the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan publication, *After Sexual Assault*.

### 5.3 Information: People Living with HIV who have Experienced Violence or Abuse

While there are a variety of publications available online on the topic of women living with HIV who have experienced violence, the majority of these contain information for service providers, research and statistical information, or examine the HIV/AIDS epidemic from a global perspective (see Appendix F).

The SHE (Strong, HIV-positive, Empowered women) website contains a section on abusive and violent relationships, as well as other physical and emotional health-related information for living well with HIV. The Well Project and womenshealth.gov websites also contain information on violent relationships for women living with HIV/AIDS. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network also has useful information for women in their publication *Respect, Protect and Fulfill: Legislating for Women's Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS*, which is available online. Volume 1 of this document contains information specific to sexual and domestic violence. URLs for these websites can be located in Appendix D.



#### **5.4 Hotlines: Violence Against Women**

The scan located two province-wide toll-free hotlines relating to domestic violence and assault, as well as six more that are available in different regions of the province, and an additional hotline that is US-based but available when calling from Saskatchewan.

Four agencies offer 24-hour crisis lines that are not toll-free and telephone support is available locally by calling any women's emergency shelter or transition house and is available 24 hours per day (see Appendix E for a list of hotlines).

One website offers online support groups in the form of message boards for survivors of physical and emotional abuse. Message boards (or "forums") are online discussion sites where members can hold conversations in the form of posted messages. While such groups might be a helpful resource to some survivors, they only offer peer support and not that of trained professionals.

#### **5.5 Hotlines: Services for People who have been Abused, including Sexual Abuse**

The scan located one province-wide toll-free hotline relating to sexual assault, as well as six more that are available in different regions of the province. In addition, eight agencies offer 24-hour crisis lines that are not toll-free and telephone support is available locally by calling sexual assault agencies across the province.

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) offers a National Sexual Assault Online Hotline where survivors can chat online with a counsellor. While this is a US-based service, it is available online anywhere in the world. Three websites offer online support groups in the form of message boards and chat rooms for survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse. While such groups might be a helpful resource to some survivors, they only offer peer support and not that of trained professionals (see Appendix E for a list of hotlines, as well URLs for the above mentioned websites).

#### **5.6 Hotlines: Services for People Living with HIV who have Experienced Violence or Abuse**

An internet search turned up two toll-free hotlines relating to HIV/AIDS, operated by AIDS Saskatoon and Canadian AIDS Treatment and Information Exchange (CATIE) that are available when calling from Saskatchewan.

As well as a 1-800 number, CATIE also offers a confidential email inquiry service. While this service is intended to answer questions about HIV/AIDS, as opposed to offering support for issues relating to violence and abuse, it would likely be a useful source of information and potential referrals to agencies that can help.

One website offers an online HIV support group in the form of message boards. While such a group might be a helpful resource to some individuals living with HIV/AIDS, the group only offers

peer support and not that of trained professionals (see Appendix E for a list of hotlines, as well URLs for the above mentioned websites).

## 6. Conclusion

It should be noted that the results of the scan are not necessarily reflective of all services that are offered. Some programming may not be advertised online or included in lists of programs and services found on government websites or lists of programs available through the websites of other agencies.

While women who are living with HIV can access services relating to the violence that they are experiencing at a number of agencies across the province, the scan revealed that there is no programming specific to women living with HIV/AIDS who have experienced violence. Some agencies that work with people who are HIV-positive or at risk for HIV/AIDS have programming specific to women; however, issues of violence are not the central focus.

Telephone support for women who have experienced violence is readily available across Saskatchewan; however, services are not specific to women living with HIV who have experienced violence. Online support is largely non-existent.

Rates of HIV in Saskatchewan are rising with women, particularly Aboriginal women under the age of 30, being disproportionately represented. Research demonstrates that violence, sexual assault, and sexual abuse are linked to HIV infection in women. Therefore, implementing specific services for women living with HIV who have experienced violence may be desirable.

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## Appendix A: Provincial Violence Against Women Services

Emergency Shelters			
Community	Agency Name	Phone	Website
La Ronge	Piwapan Women's Centre	(306) 425-3900	
Meadow Lake	Waskoosis Safe Shelter	(306) 236-5570	
Prince Albert	Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women	(306) 764-7233	
North Battleford	Battlefords Interval House	(306) 445-2742	
Saskatoon	Saskatoon Interval House	(306) 244-0185	<a href="http://www.saskatoonintervalhouse.org/contactus.shtml">http://www.saskatoonintervalhouse.org/contactus.shtml</a>
	YWCA of Saskatoon	(306) 244-2844	<a href="http://ywcaskatoon.com/main/crisis-shelter-and-residence/">http://ywcaskatoon.com/main/crisis-shelter-and-residence/</a>
Yorkton	Shelwin House	(306) 783-7233	
	Project Safe Haven	(306) 782-0676	
Fort Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle Haven Safe Shelter	(306) 322-6881	<a href="http://fhqtc.com/entities/tfhq-safe-shelters/">http://fhqtc.com/entities/tfhq-safe-shelters/</a>
Regina	Regina Transition House	(306) 569-2292	<a href="http://www.reginatransitionhouse.ca/">http://www.reginatransitionhouse.ca/</a>
	YWCA Isabel Johnson Shelter	(306) 525-2141	<a href="http://www.ywcaregina.com/Programs/AbusePrevention/IsabelJohnsonShelter/index.html">http://www.ywcaregina.com/Programs/AbusePrevention/IsabelJohnsonShelter/index.html</a>
	Wichihiklkwewak Safe House (WISH)	(306) 543-0493	<a href="http://fhqtc.com/entities/tfhq-safe-shelters/">http://fhqtc.com/entities/tfhq-safe-shelters/</a>
Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw Transition House	(306) 693-6511	<a href="http://www.mj-transitionhouse.com/">http://www.mj-transitionhouse.com/</a>
Swift Current	Southwest Crisis Services (Swift Current)	(306) 778-3692	<a href="http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html">http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html</a>
Lloydminster, Alberta	Lloydminster Interval Home	(780) 875-0966	<a href="http://www.intervalhome.ab.ca/">http://www.intervalhome.ab.ca/</a>
Second Stage Shelters			
Community	Agency Name	Phone	Website
Prince Albert	Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women	(306) 764-7233	
Saskatoon	Adelle House	(306) 244-0185	<a href="http://www.saskatoonintervalhouse.org/contactus.shtml">http://www.saskatoonintervalhouse.org/contactus.shtml</a>
Regina	Wichihiklkwewak Safe House (WISH)	(306) 543-0493	<a href="http://fhqtc.com/entities/tfhq-safe-shelters/">http://fhqtc.com/entities/tfhq-safe-shelters/</a>
	SOFIA House	(306) 565-0120	
Swift Current	Genesis House	(306) 778-3692	<a href="http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html">http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html</a>
Counselling & Support Centres and Outreach Services			
Community	Agency Name	Phone	Website
La Ronge	La Ronge Native Women's Council, Inc.	(306) 425-3900	
Meadow Lake	North West Friendship Centre Inc.	(306) 236-3766	
Big Island Lake Cree Nation	Health Centre—Domestic Violence Intervention Group	(306) 839-2330	
One Arrow First Nation	One Arrow Health Centre—Domestic Violence Drop-In Group	(306) 423-5493	

Onion Lake First Nation	Onion Lake Health Centre Mental Health—Domestic Violence Intervention Workshop	(306) 344-5033	
Prince Albert	Community Against Family Violence	(306) 953-6219	
	Iskwew: Women Helping Women	(306) 953-6229	
	Catholic Family Services of Prince Albert Inc.	(306) 922-3202	
North Battleford	Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc.	(306) 445-6960	
Battleford	Kanaweyimik Child & Family Services Inc.	(306) 445-3500 1-888-445-5262	
Chakastapaysin First Nation/James Smith First Nation	James Smith Health Centre (domestic violence worker)	(306) 864-2454	
Melfort	North East Outreach and Support Services	(306) 752-9464	<a href="http://www.northeastoutreach.ca/Services.php">http://www.northeastoutreach.ca/Services.php</a>
Hudson Bay	Hudson Bay Family and Support Centre	(306) 865-3064	<a href="http://www.hbfamilyandsupport.ca/">http://www.hbfamilyandsupport.ca/</a>
Archerwill	Mutual Equity, Trade, and Investments, Inc.	(306) 323-4244	
Saskatoon	Family Service Saskatoon Inc.	(306) 244-0127	<a href="http://www.familyservice.sk.ca/">http://www.familyservice.sk.ca/</a>
	Domestic Abuse Outreach Program	(306) 933-5961	
	Saskatoon Indian & Métis Friendship Centre	(306) 244-0174	
Humboldt	Partners for Rural Family Support	(306) 682-4135 1-866-682-4135	<a href="http://www.partnersrfs.ca/">http://www.partnersrfs.ca/</a>
Yorkton	Yorkton Women in Need Inc.	(306) 783-7233	
Kindersley	West Central Crisis & Family Support Centre Inc.	(306) 463-6655 1-800-310-4357	<a href="http://www.westcentralcrisis.ca/services.asp">http://www.westcentralcrisis.ca/services.asp</a>
Regina	Family Service Regina Inc.	(306) 757-6675	<a href="http://www.familyserviceregina.com/">http://www.familyserviceregina.com/</a>
	Regina Women's Community Centre and Sexual Assault Line	(306) 522-2777	<a href="http://www.reginawomenscentre.com/">http://www.reginawomenscentre.com/</a>
	Mobile Crisis	(306) 757-0127 (306) 525-5333	<a href="http://www.mobilecrisis.ca">http://www.mobilecrisis.ca</a>
	Circle Project Association Inc.	(306) 347-7515	<a href="http://www.circleproject.ca/programs.htm">http://www.circleproject.ca/programs.htm</a>
Swift Current	Southwest Crisis Services	(306) 778-3386 24 hour crisis line: (306) 778-3833 OR 1-800-567-3334	<a href="http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html">http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html</a>
Weyburn	Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc.	(306) 842-8821 1-800-214-7083	<a href="http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/">http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/</a>
Estevan	Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc.	(306) 637-4004 1-800-214-7083	<a href="http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/">http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/</a>

## Appendix B: Provincial Services for People who have been Abused, Especially Sexual Abuse

Community	Agency Name	Phone	Website
Prince Albert	The Prince Albert Mobile Crisis Unit Cooperative Ltd.	(306) 764-1039 24 hour crisis line: (306) 764-1011	
Lloydminster	Lloydminster Sexual Assault and Information Centre Inc.	(306) 825-8255 24 hour crisis line: (306) 825-8255	<a href="http://www.lsaic.com/">http://www.lsaic.com/</a>
North Battleford	Battlefords and Area Sexual Assault Centre Inc.	(306) 445-0055 24 hour crisis line: (306) 446-4444	
Melfort	North East Outreach and Support Services, Inc.	(306) 752-9464 24 hour crisis line: (306) 752-9455	<a href="http://www.northeastoutreach.ca/Services.php">http://www.northeastoutreach.ca/Services.php</a>
Hudson Bay	Hudson Bay Family and Support Centre	(306) 865-3064	<a href="http://www.hbfamilyandsupport.ca/">http://www.hbfamilyandsupport.ca/</a>
Saskatoon	Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre Inc.	(306) 244-2294 24 hour crisis line: (306) 244-2224	<a href="http://www.saskatoonsexualassaultcentre.com/">http://www.saskatoonsexualassaultcentre.com/</a>
Yorkton	Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbors Inc. (SIGN) Sexual Assault Counseling Program	(306) 783-9428	<a href="http://sign-yorkton.org/?page_id=60">http://sign-yorkton.org/?page_id=60</a>
Kindersley	West Central Crisis and Family Support Centre Inc.	(306) 463-6655 1-800-310-4357	<a href="http://www.westcentralcrisis.ca/Contact.asp">http://www.westcentralcrisis.ca/Contact.asp</a>
Regina	Regina Women's Centre & Sexual Assault Line Inc.	(306) 522-2777 24 hour crisis line: (306) 352-0434	<a href="http://www.reginawomenscentre.com/">http://www.reginawomenscentre.com/</a>
	Mobile Crisis	(306) 757-0127 (306) 525-5333	<a href="http://www.mobilecrisis.ca/">http://www.mobilecrisis.ca/</a>
Moose Jaw	Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group	(306) 693-6511	

Swift Current	South West Crisis Services, Inc.	(306) 778-3386 24 hour crisis line: (306) 778- 3833 OR 1-800-567-3334	<a href="http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html">http://www.swcrisis.ca/home.html</a>
Weyburn	Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc.	(306) 842-8821 24 hour abuse/ sexual assault line: 1-800-214- 7083	<a href="http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/">http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/</a>
Estevan	Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc.	(306) 637-4004 24 hour abuse/ sexual assault line: 1-800-214- 7083	<a href="http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/">http://www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com/</a>

### Appendix C: Provincial Services for People Living with HIV

Community	Agency Name	Phone	Website
Prince Albert	601 North Outreach Centre (AIDS Saskatoon Satellite Facility)	(306) 922-4279	<a href="http://www.aidssaskatoon.ca">www.aidssaskatoon.ca</a>
Saskatoon	AIDS Saskatoon	(306) 242-5005 Toll Free: 1(800)667-6876 in Western Canada	<a href="http://www.aidssaskatoon.ca">www.aidssaskatoon.ca</a>
	Persons Living With AIDS Network of Saskatchewan Inc.	(306) 373-7766	
	STC Health Centre	(306) 956-0340	
	Positive Living Program	(306) 655-1783	
Yorkton	601 East Outreach Centre (AIDS Saskatoon Satellite Facility)	(306) 783-1722	<a href="http://www.aidssaskatoon.ca">www.aidssaskatoon.ca</a>
Regina	AIDS Programs South Saskatchewan	(306) 924-8420	<a href="http://www.aidsprogramssouthsask.com">www.aidsprogramssouthsask.com</a>
	All Nations Hope AIDS Network	(306) 924-8424	<a href="http://www.allnationshope.ca">www.allnationshope.ca</a>
	Street Workers Advocacy Project	(306) 525-1722	



## Appendix D: National Information or Support Services that Can Be Accessed Via the Internet

<b>Information: Violence Against Women Services</b>	
Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan (PATHS)	<a href="http://abusehelplines.org">http://abusehelplines.org</a>
Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses	<a href="http://endvaw.ca">http://endvaw.ca</a>
Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench: <i>What Options are Available for Victims of Domestic Violence?</i>	<a href="http://www.sasklawcourts.ca/default.asp?pg=qb_family_law_info">http://www.sasklawcourts.ca/default.asp?pg=qb_family_law_info</a>
The Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan: <i>A Guide to the Law for Saskatchewan Women</i>	<a href="http://docs.plea.org/pdf/WomensGuide.pdf">http://docs.plea.org/pdf/WomensGuide.pdf</a>
The Battered Women's Justice Project	1-800-903-0111
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)	<a href="http://www.ncadv.org">http://www.ncadv.org</a>

<b>Information: Services for People who have been Abused, especially Sexual Abuse</b>	
Saskatoon Sexual Assault Centre: What is Sexual Assault?	<a href="http://www.saskatoonsexualassaultcentre.com/assault.cfm">http://www.saskatoonsexualassaultcentre.com/assault.cfm</a>
The Scarborough Hospital Sexual Assault Care Centre	<a href="http://www.sacc.to/">http://www.sacc.to/</a>
The Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan: After Sexual Assault	<a href="http://www.plea.org/legal_resources/?a=635&amp;cat=8&amp;pcat=4">http://www.plea.org/legal_resources/?a=635&amp;cat=8&amp;pcat=4</a>

<b>Information: Services for People Living with HIV who have Experienced the Above Issues</b>	
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network— Respect, Protect and Fulfill: Legislating for Women's Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS — Volume One: Sexual and Domestic Violence Volume Two: Family and Property Issues	<a href="http://www.aidslaw.ca/publications/publicationsdocEN.php?ref=972">http://www.aidslaw.ca/publications/publicationsdocEN.php?ref=972</a>
SHE (Strong, HIV positive, Empowered women)	<a href="http://www.shetoshe.org/living-well-with-hiv/relationships/abusive-and-violent-relationships">http://www.shetoshe.org/living-well-with-hiv/relationships/abusive-and-violent-relationships</a>
USA Government— Office on Women's Health in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	<a href="http://www.womenshealth.gov/hiv-aids/women-are-at-risk-of-hiv/violence-against-women-and-hiv-risk.cfm">http://www.womenshealth.gov/hiv-aids/women-are-at-risk-of-hiv/violence-against-women-and-hiv-risk.cfm</a>
The Well Project	<a href="http://www.thewellproject.org/en_US/Womens_Center/Domestic_Violence_and_HIV.jsp">http://www.thewellproject.org/en_US/Womens_Center/Domestic_Violence_and_HIV.jsp</a>
Positive Women's Network	<a href="http://pwn.bc.ca/">http://pwn.bc.ca/</a>

## Appendix E: National Information or Support Services that Can Be Accessed Via Toll-Free Hotlines

<b>Hotlines: Violence Against Women Services</b>		
Province-wide	Saskatoon Interval House	1-888-338-0880
Province-wide	24 Hour Abuse/Sexual Assault Helpline	1-800-214-7083
Northern Saskatchewan	Crisis Line	1-800-611-6349
North East Saskatchewan	Senior's Hotline	1-888-823-2211
South West Saskatchewan	South West Crisis Services, Inc.	1-800-567-3334
West Central	West Central Crisis and Family Support Services, Inc.	1-800-310-4357
Estevan/Weyburn	Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc.	1-800-214-7083
Available province-wide (based in Texas)	National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 (TDD)
La Ronge	Piwapan Women's Centre	(306) 425-4090
Prince Albert	The Prince Albert Mobile Crisis Unit Cooperative Ltd.	(306) 764-1011
Regina	Mobile Crisis Services Inc.	(306) 757-0127
Saskatoon	Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service	(306) 933-6200
MD Junction: Online Emotional Abuse Support Group	<a href="http://www.mdjunction.com/emotional-abuse">http://www.mdjunction.com/emotional-abuse</a>	
MD Junction: Online Physical Abuse Support Group	<a href="http://www.mdjunction.com/physical-abuse">http://www.mdjunction.com/physical-abuse</a>	

<b>Hotlines: Services for People who have been Abused, especially Sexual Abuse</b>		
Province-wide	24 Hour Abuse/Sexual Assault Helpline	1-800-214-7083
Northern Saskatchewan	North East Outreach and Support Services, Inc.	1-800-611-6349
North East Saskatchewan	Senior's Hotline	1-888-823-2211
South West Saskatchewan	South West Crisis Services, Inc.	1-800-567-3334
West Saskatchewan	Hudson Bay Family Support Centre	1-800-611-6349
West Central Saskatchewan	West Central Crisis and Family Support Services, Inc.	1-800-310-4357
Estevan/Weyburn	Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc.	1-800-214-7083
Prince Albert	Prince Albert Sexual Assault Centre	(306) 764-1039
	The Prince Albert Mobile Crisis Unit Cooperative Ltd.	(306) 764-1011
Lloydminster	Lloydminster Sexual Assault and Information Centre Inc.	(306) 825-8255
Battlefords	Battlefords and Area Sexual Assault Centre Inc.	(306) 445-2742
Regina	Regina Women's Centre & Sexual Assault Line Inc.	(306) 352-0434
	Mobile Crisis Services Inc.	(306) 757-0127

Saskatoon	Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre Inc.	(306) 244-2224
	Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service	(306) 933-6200
After Silence—online support group, message board, and chat room for rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse survivors		<a href="http://www.aftersilence.org/">http://www.aftersilence.org/</a>
RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) National Sexual Assault Online Hotline		<a href="https://ohl.rainn.org/online/">https://ohl.rainn.org/online/</a>
MD Junction: Online Sexual Abuse Support Group		<a href="http://www.mdjunction.com/sexual-abuse">http://www.mdjunction.com/sexual-abuse</a>
MD Junction: Online Sexually Abused Bipolar Support Group		<a href="http://www.mdjunction.com/sexually-abused-bipolar">http://www.mdjunction.com/sexually-abused-bipolar</a>
Recovery Canada: Password Protected Online Forums for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault		<a href="http://www.vansondesign.com/RecoveryCanada/SexualAbuse/Forums/">http://www.vansondesign.com/RecoveryCanada/SexualAbuse/Forums/</a>

### **Hotlines: Services for People Living with HIV who have Experienced the Above Issues**

AIDS Saskatoon Saskatchewan Hotline	1-800-667-6876
Canadian AIDS Treatment and Information Exchange (CATIE)	1.800-263-1638
	Inquiry Service: <a href="mailto:info@catie.ca">info@catie.ca</a>
MD Junction: Online HIV Support Group	<a href="http://www.mdjunction.com/hiv">http://www.mdjunction.com/hiv</a>

## Appendix F: Information for Service Providers

Information: Women Living with HIV who have Experienced Violence		
Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network	Our Search for Safe Spaces: A Qualitative Study of the Role of Sexual Violence in the Lives of Aboriginal Women Living with HIV/AIDS	<a href="http://caan.ca/new/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Sexual-Violence-Documents-ENGLISH.pdf">http://caan.ca/new/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Sexual-Violence-Documents-ENGLISH.pdf</a>
Canadian AIDS Society	Women and HIV/AIDS: Support Issues	<a href="http://www.cdn aids.ca/womenandhivaidsupportissues">http://www.cdn aids.ca/womenandhivaidsupportissues</a>
Canadian AIDS Treatment and Information Exchange	Researchers Recommend Screening HIV-positive Patients for Domestic Violence	<a href="http://www.catie.ca/en/catieneews/2011-02-15/researchers-recommend-screening-hiv-positive-patients-domestic-violence">http://www.catie.ca/en/catieneews/2011-02-15/researchers-recommend-screening-hiv-positive-patients-domestic-violence</a>
Hale, F. and Vazquez, M.	Violence Against Women Living with HIV/AIDS: A Background Paper	<a href="http://www.dvcn.org/uploads/client_70/files/VAPositiveWBkgrdPaper2011.pdf">http://www.dvcn.org/uploads/client_70/files/VAPositiveWBkgrdPaper2011.pdf</a>
Health Canada	Training Manual on HIV and Sexual Violence Against Women	<a href="http://library.catie.ca/PDF/P5/19705.pdf">http://library.catie.ca/PDF/P5/19705.pdf</a>
Institute of Development Studies	HIV and AIDS Key Issues Guide: The Links Between Violence Against Women and HIV and AIDS	<a href="http://www.eldis.org/UserFiles/File/VAW-1.pdf">http://www.eldis.org/UserFiles/File/VAW-1.pdf</a>
International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS	Violence against HIV Positive Women Briefing	<a href="http://www.icw.org/files/Violence.pdf">www.icw.org/files/Violence.pdf</a>
Public Health Agency of Canada	HIV Epi Updates	<a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/aids-sida/publication/epi/2010/">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/aids-sida/publication/epi/2010/</a>
Saskatchewan Ministry of Health	Saskatchewan's HIV Strategy: 2010-2014	from <a href="http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/hiv-strategy-2010-2014">http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/hiv-strategy-2010-2014</a>
UN Women	Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS: Fact Sheets	<a href="http://www.genderandaids.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=category&amp;id=62&amp;Itemid=104">http://www.genderandaids.org/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=category&amp;id=62&amp;Itemid=104</a>
What Works for Women and Girls	What Works—HIV Testing and Counseling for Women	<a href="http://www.whatworksforwomen.org/chapters/11/sections/27">http://www.whatworksforwomen.org/chapters/11/sections/27</a>
World Health Organization	Addressing Violence Against Women in HIV Testing and Counselling: A Meeting Report	<a href="http://www.who.int/gender/documents/newpublications/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/gender/documents/newpublications/en/index.html</a>
World Health Organization	Integrating Gender into HIV/AIDS Programmes in the Health Sector: Tool to Improve Responsiveness to Women's Needs	<a href="http://www.who.int/gender/documents/gender_hiv/en/index.html">http://www.who.int/gender/documents/gender_hiv/en/index.html</a>