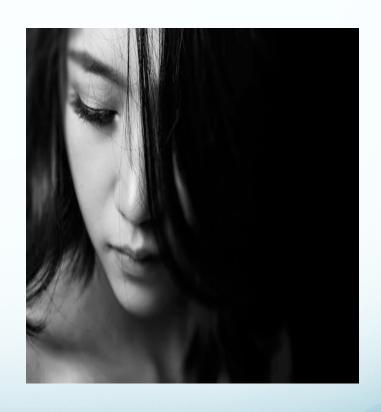
Helping the Helpers: Addressing Knowledge & Service Gaps in IPV related TBI

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1 in 4 women in Canada will experience domestic violence over their life time

IPV is the primary cause of injury to women aged 15-44 in Canada

Perfect Storm Effect

- 1. Area of Violence
- 2. Type of Injury
- 3. Resultant Damage



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This perfect storm results in women left vulnerable to continued violence, exponentially compounding the damage to the brain in an ongoing cycle

Knowledge-to-Practice Network



Battered & Brain Injured: Identifying and Supporting Brain Injured Women Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

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- ▶ 84% reporting no previous TBI training or education relevant to their work with IPV survivors
- 95% significantly underestimated the prevalence of TBI in their client population
- General lack of understanding on how to recognize TBI and what information can and should be provided when TBI is suspected





Battered & Brain Injured Video Link

http://abiresearch.utoronto.ca/research/batteredbraininjured/



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Abused & Brain Injured Toolkit

- Develop a TBI training/educational toolkit for use in agencies supporting women survivors of IPV
- Design and content informed by women survivors of IPV/TBI, EDs, program managers, and frontline staff

Community Partners:

- WomenatthecentrE & Women's Habitat, Toronto, ON;
- The Cridge Centre for the Family, Victoria, BC.

What Did We Do?

- Stakeholder consultation in Phase 1
- Focus groups with direct service providers and survivors in Victoria & Toronto
- Individual interviews with Eds & program managers
- We asked:
 - 1. What content do you want in the toolkit?
 - 2. What format do you want it in?

Consultation Results:

- 1. TBI 101
- 2. Toolkit Format
- 3. Service Provision
- 4. Risk
- 5. Education Needs

Q&A

