

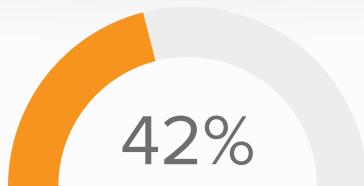
Reducing Stigma and Improving Access for Women with Experiences of Criminalization and Trauma

The Correlation Between Trauma and Criminalization

Women in Canadian Prisons



The incarceration rate of women has risen by 33% in the last 10 years.



Indigenous women account for 4.3% of the adult female population, yet 42% of women in prisons.



Black women make up 3% of the adult female population, yet 9% of women in prisons.

Trauma and Criminalization



of women in federal prisons have experienced physical or sexual abuse.

Intimate Partner Violence and Criminalization



- When women use violence in self-defence, they are increasingly vulnerable to criminalization.
- The majority of women in prison have experienced intimate partner violence.
- Women experiencing intimate partner violence can be driven to criminalized activities to meet their basic needs.
- Racialized women who have experienced trauma are more likely to be criminalized than non-racialized women.

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