

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (SA/DV) TREATMENT CENTRES IN ONTARIO

BY DISABILITY STATUS



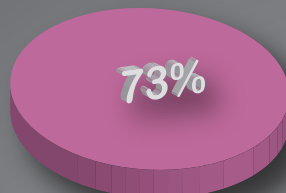
REASON:
for VISIT:

to SA/DV Treatment
Centre



1 in 5

women and adolescent girls presenting
to SA/DV Treatment Centres lived with
at least **ONE** disability



Sexual Assault
(includes by an
intimate partner)



Domestic
Violence

WOMEN
LIVING WITH DISABILITIES
WERE OVERWHELMINGLY
PLEASED WITH CARE
AT SA/DV TREATMENT CENTRES

96% felt safe during their visit

96% felt they were treated with
respect

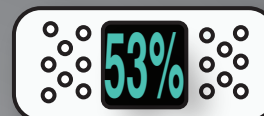
97% rated overall care as
Excellent or Good

96% would recommend
the service they
received

MORE LIKELY TO SUSTAIN

PHYSICAL INJURY

DURING ASSAULT:



women living
WITH
disABILITIES

vs.



women living
WITHOUT
disABILITIES

The most commonly cited concerns for victims
of SA/DV seeking treatment were:

PRIVACY

"...coming through the Emergency Department
was unnerving...a separate entrance
have been appreciated"

WAIT TIMES

"It took a long
time for someone
to help me"

DISCRETION

"nurses knew what happened and
gave me the pity look"



Only $\frac{1}{2}$ of women living with disabilities were
ACCOMPANIED to a SA/DV treatment centre



21% of these
women
reported
living with
multiple
disABILITIES.
The most
common
combination
was
PSYCHOLOGICAL
AND
PHYSICAL

Cognitive (20%) Psychological (44%)

Sensory (4%)

Physical (37%)



Women living with disabilities were more likely to be
vulnerable and socially isolated:

unemployed
lack support from
friends and family
separated
older
widowed
living alone
divorced
homeless