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Resources on the Intersection of Women, HIV, and Violence

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There is a well-established and strong link between violence and HIV among women. Because several ongoing efforts try to bring awareness to and address this global health problem, The Well Project pulled together a list of resources for those who wish to learn more and take action.

Below you will find links not only to scientific and policy data demonstrating the connection between violence against women and HIV, but also to survivors' personal stories and community-centered fact sheets. These resources include an issue brief published by the [Women's Research Initiative on HIV/AIDS](#), a program of The Well Project.

If you wish to have a resource added to this list, please email us at info@thewellproject.org.

Hotlines/Resources

Most importantly: if you are feeling threatened right now, call 911 or the National Domestic Violence hotline in the US at 800-799-SAFE [1-800-799-7233; or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)]. You can also search for a safe space online at Domestic Shelters (<https://www.domesticshelters.org/>).

- The National Domestic Violence Hotline or 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233)
- [Resources by State on Violence Against Women](#)
- [Domestic Shelters](#)
- [Hot Peach Pages](#) (for resources worldwide)
- [Pathways to Safety International](#) (formerly Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center)
- [Domestic Violence National/Global Resources](#) (DomesticShelters.org)
- [Helpful Lists for Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors](#) (Domestic Shelters)

Personal Stories

Stories from *The Well Project's A Girl Like Me Blog*

- [Invisible](#) by Marcya Gullatte
- [The Road Less Traveled, Learning to Forgive Yourself](#) by Janine Brignola
- [Gendercide](#) by Katie Adsila
- [I Live in the Basement...](#) by Aryah Lester
- [My Depression, Trauma, HIV and Getting Help](#) by Maria Mejia
- [A Girl Like Me!](#) by Michelle Anderson
- [Domestic Violence/Abuse](#) by Jyoti Dhawale-Surve
- [Healing Hope](#) (Christie's Place/A Girl Like Me)

Stories from Other Sources

- [#PWNCares 1: Living & Loving Well with HIV](#) (video; Positive Women's Network - USA)
- [Why HIV Activists Are Speaking Out About Domestic Violence](#) (Greater Than AIDS; includes video)
- [Domestic Violence: Silence=Death](#) by Angel S (video; PWN-USA)
- [The Medea Project](#) (including videos and blogs)
- [Martha's and Jay's Journeys, Part 1](#) (video; Christie's Place)
- [Martha's and Jay's Journeys, Part 2](#) (video; Christie's Place)

Reports

- The Intersection of Violence and Trauma with HIV among Women: Issue Brief (Women's Research Initiative on HIV/AIDS, PDF)
- Trauma Informed Care — Improving Services, Saving Lives (AIDS United and Christie's Place)
- Impact of Lifetime Trauma, Abuse and Violence on Women Living with HIV (Positive Women's Network – USA, PDF)
- Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and HIV in Women (US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PDF)

Policy Resources

- [HIV, Intimate Partner Violence \(IPV\), and Women: An Emerging Policy Landscape](#) (Kaiser Family Foundation)
- [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#)

- [Addressing the Interaction of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, & Gender-Related Health Disparities: Interagency Working Group Report](#) (The White House, via The Center for HIV Law & Policy)
- [Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS: Critical Intersections](#) (The Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, World Health Organization)
- [Domestic Violence and HIV/AIDS](#) (New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence)

Scientific Data and Clinical Efforts

- [To Effectively Reduce Violence Against Women Living with HIV, We Must Make Healthcare Systems Places of Safety](#) (Journal of the International AIDS Society)
- [The Association of Trauma with the Physical, Behavioral, and Social Health of Women Living with HIV: Pathways to Guide Trauma-informed Health Care Interventions](#) (Women's Health Issues)
- [HIV Risk Characteristics Associated with Violence Against Women: A Longitudinal Study Among Women in the United States](#) (Journal of Women's Health)
- [An Expressive Therapy Group Disclosure Intervention for Women Living With HIV Improves Social Support, Self-Efficacy, and the Safety and Quality of Relationships: A Qualitative Analysis](#) (Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care)
- [From Treatment to Healing: The Promise of Trauma-Informed Primary Care](#) (Women's Health Issues)
- [Violence Against Women and Girls](#) (The Lancet special issue)
- [Psychological Trauma and PTSD in HIV-Positive Women: A Meta-Analysis](#) (AIDS and Behavior)
- [Recent Trauma Is Associated With Antiretroviral Failure and HIV Transmission Risk Behavior Among Hiv-Positive Women and Female-Identified Transgenders](#) (AIDS and Behavior)

Fact Sheets and Toolkits

- [Violence Against Women and HIV](#) (The Well Project)
- [Trauma and HIV](#) (The Well Project)
- [Criminalization as Violence Against Women Living with HIV](#) (Positive Women's Network-USA)
- [Domestic Violence and HIV/AIDS Toolkit](#) (National Network to End Domestic Violence)
- [Stigma and Discrimination Against Women Living with HIV](#) (The Well Project)
- [National Day of Action to End Violence Against WLHIV](#) (Positive Women's Network-USA)
- [The Link Between Intimate Partner Violence and HIV](#) (CATIE)
- [SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma Informed Approach](#) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- [Sexual Abuse of Elderly Women](#) (Nursing Home Abuse Center)
- [Understand the Linkages Between HIV/AIDS and Violence Against Women and Girls](#) (UN Women)
- [The Facts on Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS](#) (Futures without Violence, PDF)

Concerns During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- [Addressing a Crisis Within a Crisis: Intimate Partner Violence, HIV, and COVID-19](#) (Positive Women's Network - USA)
- [Staying Safe During COVID-19](#) (National Domestic Violence Hotline)
- [COVID-19 and Violence Against Women](#) (WHO; infographics)
- [Addressing Partner Violence and Trauma](#) (Positively Aware)
- [Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations During COVID-19](#) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, PDF)
- [Why the Increase in Domestic Violence During COVID-19?](#) (Psychology Today)

- [COVID-19: A Public Health Approach to Manage Domestic Violence Is Needed](#) (The Lancet Public Health)
- [COVID-19 and Violence Against Women: What the Health Sector/System Can Do](#) (World Health Organization, PDF)



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