



ENGAGING WOMEN IN TRAUMA-INFORMED PEER SUPPORT:

A Guidebook

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Dedication

This guide is dedicated to the women survivors who participated in SAMHSA's Women, Co-Occurring Disorders and Violence Study (WCDVS), the first of its kind in the nation. Consumers/Survivors/Recovering Women (C/S/Rs) were integrated as leaders in substantive and meaningful ways, including in the design of the research and evaluation methodologies; in peer support and service interventions; and in the Leadership Academy and the Trauma Studies Seminar program. For the first time, women who had experienced violence and abuse were incorporated as instruments of teaching and learning in the fields of mental health, substance abuse, and trauma services and studies.





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