

Examining the Nature and Context of IPV in the 2SLGBTQ+ Community

Background

- Limited studies on IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ communities.
- Difficulties in developing appropriate service responses.



Methods

- Literature review and environmental scan.
- Online survey with 73 2SLGBTQ+ survivors.
- In-depth interviews with 47 survivors and 13 service providers.
- Collaboration of RESOLVE Network and community partners in Prairie provinces.



Results

- Common abuses include physical, emotional, sexual, financial, and coercive control, with unique abuses targeting gender/sexuality.
- 54% of survivors reported IPV to formal services, but many faced dissatisfaction and barriers like fear of discrimination and lack of accessible services.
- IPV is underreported and often not taken seriously, with myths like "IPV is a straight person problem" and stereotypes about 2SLGBTQ+ relationships.



Conclusion

- IPV causes significant life disruptions: mental health issues, educational and employment setbacks, and financial burdens.
- Service providers emphasize improved, tailored responses and increased awareness of 2SLGBTQ+ IPV.