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Dear WHAI and Friends of WHAI

Please find enclosed copies of an WHAI's International Overdose Awareness Day Poster, honouring women's tireless efforts against overdose. It was created through a collaborative process with WHAI Coordinators from across Ontario who worked to share the voices and experiences of women\* in their communities.

This poster, available in both French and English, is also on our website under "Resources." Please feel free to download more copies and share them. You can access the poster [here](#).

Our hope is that this poster can be used to support your work and highlight the impact of overdose for Cis and Trans women, 2-Spirited and Non-Binary Femme people. Women are impacted by overdose in so many ways – from reversing countless overdoses, caring for those who are facing risk of overdose or recovering from overdose, grieving the losses of loved ones from overdose, and supporting communities as they grieve. At the same time, we know that women\* face barriers to harm reduction and overdose prevention services, and the many structural realities that increase risk factors for overdose such as racism, sexism, poverty, violence and more.

Please use this poster to foster dialogue with community, honour women\* in their actions against the overdose crisis, and collectively think through how we can continue to make a difference in the face of so much loss.

Thank you for the work you do. We are grateful to work alongside your team and community.

Warmly,

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