

## Harm Reduction & Sex Work

### *Reminders:*

- ✓ Ask and listen
- ✓ Avoid pathologizing language
- ✓ Rights not rescue
- ✓ Not all sex workers are looking to stop working
- ✓ Focus on building trust and identifying harms that can be mitigated with pragmatic intervention
- ✓ When income is dependent on the action that can cause harm, goals are understandably different
- ✓ Collaborate and promote autonomy

### *Resources:*

- ✓ Sex Workers Outreach Project-USA (SWOP) – <https://swopusa.org/>
- ✓ SWOP Behind Bars (SBB) – <https://www.swopbehindbars.org/>
- ✓ Harm Reduction Coalition – <https://harmreduction.org/?s=sex+work>
- ✓ Amnesty International – <https://www.amnesty.org/en/search/?q=sex+work>
- ✓ “Know Your Rights” Info – <https://swopusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Arrest-Safety-Planning.pdf>
- ✓ Safe Dating Tips – <https://blog.dashlane.com/tips-for-women-on-how-to-stay-safe-on-and-offline/>
- ✓ Guide to finding a sex worker-affirmative therapist: <https://swopusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Finding-a-sex-worker-affirmative-therapist-1.pdf>

- ✓ **Community Support Line – 1 (877) 776-2004**

The Community Support Line is operated in collaboration between SWOP-USA and SWOP Behind Bars. It is operated by tireless volunteers who are trained in rape counseling and crisis intervention.

### *Services you should identify in your area/community:*

- ✓ Violence prevention
- ✓ Primary care that is affirming/non-stigmatizing of sex work and non-cisgender identities
- ✓ ESL services
- ✓ Shelter
- ✓ Harm reduction counseling & syringe exchange
- ✓ Mental health treatment
- ✓ Substance use treatment
- ✓ Resources for menstrual hygiene products
- ✓ Condoms and safer sex tips
- ✓ PrEP
- ✓ STI/STD testing