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PROJECT PURPOSES

1. To gather BC-based evidence on the barriers to housing for women fleeing violence.
2. To facilitate provincial and local actions to reduce barriers.
3. To provide a venue through which women can share their experiences.
Photovoice Research

*Research Process*
- Four communities
- Local researchers
- Local and provincial advisory committees
- 45 women
- 5-step data collection and analysis
- 547 photos, 42 transcripts

Ethics and Safety Protocol

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**FINDINGS:**
**SYSTEMIC & INTERCONNECTED BARRIERS**

1. Poverty
2. Unacceptable & unsafe housing
3. Persistent patterns of revictimization
4. Health effects of violence

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**Knowledge Translation Toolkit**

- Toolkit designed to foster community awareness, dialogue, and action on women’s barriers to housing.

- Two parts:
  - Digital Story-telling DVD
  - Facilitator’s Guide
Facilitator’s Guide

• Designed to foster dialogue and action after DVD viewing
• Works in tandem with DVD
• Information delivered in accessible language and geared towards broad spectrum presentations
• Clearly outlined interactive exercises aimed at stimulating curiosity, dialogue and leading to action

Arts-based Knowledge Translation

• Arts-based research is a powerful tool for innovative and effective KT
• Importance of working with artists to maximize creative impact
• Visual elements heightened effect with public audiences – stimulate awareness and action
Thank You!