The Circle respects individual values, visions, and missions of each organization, while working towards a common goal.

The members of the Circle include:

- AIDS Committee of Durham Region
- Central East Probation and Parole
- Canadian Mental Health Association • Durham
- **Durham Rape Crisis Centre** •
- **Durham Regional Police Service** •
- **Durham Region Health Department**
- Herizon House •
- John Howard Society of Durham Region
- Oshawa Community Health Centre •
- Outreach Services at UOIT/Durham • College
- YWCA Durham

John Howard Society of Durham Region 75 Richmond St. W. 905-579-8482

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Vision Statement

The Sex Worker Support Circle is a committee made up of various social service agencies and organizations that are dedicated to providing services and support to women working in sex work or directly affected by sex work in Durham Region.

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Guiding Philosophy

Our philosophy is guided from an antioppressive and anti-racist framework with a focus on working with a client centered and harm reduction model.

Goal

To honor the voices of women and to support their choices to strive for self-efficacy.

Objectives

Address and respond to the barriers and challenges that women involved in sex work experience within Durham Region.

Respond to women's self-identified needs to provide service.

Sex Worker Support Circle Initiatives

- 1. Deliver education on:
 - Health needs of sex workers
 - Effective strategies to engage sex workers in their health
- 2. Supports the Durham Referrals Education Advocacy Mentorship & Support (D.R.E.A.M.S) Program
 - Weekly drop-in centre for sex workers
 - Every Friday 2:00-5:00pm
 - Call for location 905-244-2602



The Drop-in provides:

- A nutritious meal
- Condoms
- Reduction supplies
- Clothing donations
- Access to showers
- Access to laundry
- OW/ODSP application support
- Housing support
- Assistance to access health care and referrals
- Education
- Skill building workshops
- Counselling upon request

For more details call: 905-244-2602

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