

Chapter 10

HIV and Substance Use among Transwomen Sex Workers

A Vicious Cycle of Socioeconomic Hardship, Unmet Service Needs, and Health Risk

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SUMMARY

In this chapter we focus on two health issues commonly examined in research on transwomen who engage in sex work: HIV risk and substance use. Our goal is to provide a contextualized understanding of the association between sex work and health risks in this population by characterizing the socioeconomic and ecological factors that may motivate transwomen to engage in sex work and that, in turn, determine health challenges among transwomen sex workers.

KEY TERMS

economic hardship; health risk; HIV; substance use

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