

CHAPTER 20

Transgender Sex Work in Spain

Psychosocial Profile and Mental Health

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SUMMARY

This study compared sex workers and non–sex workers among transwomen seeking services at the Transsexual and Gender Identity Clinic in Málaga, Spain. Compared to those with no history of sex work, those with such a history reported more family issues (e.g., having a mother with psychological problems and having been thrown out of the house), a history of having been arrested, sexual abuse, and substance use. The sex workers were also more likely to report behavior consistent with an antisocial personality disorder based on SCID-II. These findings are consistent with studies from other parts of the world and point to transwomen sex workers as a population with distinctive issues and concerns.

KEY TERMS

antisocial personality disorder; sexual abuse; sex work; Spain; substance use

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