

**The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network:  
Women & Criminalization Documentary Project  
CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**



***Are you a woman who has been directly or indirectly affected by the criminalization of HIV exposure? Do you have a personal story to tell about how the criminal law around HIV non-disclosure relates to you? Do you want to make your voice heard on this important issue?***

More and more, women in Canada – both HIV-positive and not – are being affected by the legal requirement to reveal HIV-positive status to sexual partners. Sometimes it is really hard to know what the criminal law requires of a person living with HIV, and we are seeing more people (men and women) being taken to court for charges of non-disclosure (i.e., not telling).

**If you've been affected, please consider being a part of an important documentary project exploring this complex issue.**

The Project Team

**The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network** is working with filmmaker **Alison Duke**, who has a lot of experience working with community groups. She is passionate about telling the stories of women, including women living with HIV and issues that are important to them. The Project Team also includes several expert advisors from the community, and **The African and Caribbean Council on HIV/AIDS in Ontario (ACCHO)** (Toronto), **COCQ-SIDA** (Montréal), and **Positive Women's Network** (Vancouver).

The Documentary

Working with the community, the project team wants to make a documentary that will give voice to women who want to be heard on this important topic. We're hoping to tell the stories of 3-5 women who are willing to share their experiences to help others understand how criminalizing HIV non-disclosure isn't necessarily helpful for women and can make disclosing even more difficult.

Are you interested?

If you think you may be interested in being part of this documentary project, we would like to speak with you. **Send us an email to [documentary@aidslaw.ca](mailto:documentary@aidslaw.ca) or call Janet at the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network at 416-595-1666 ext. 228.** We will then tell you more about the project, including the time commitment and the selection process we will use so that the documentary will represent different women with different stories, from many different backgrounds. (Please note that participating in the documentary project does not necessarily require disclosing your identity on camera.)

**If you think you may want to participate, please email or phone the project team by July 10, 2011.**