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Enclosed, please find the Toolkit for Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Women living with HIV, created by [The Women's Collective](#).

[The Women's Collective](#) (TWC) is a non-profit agency in the District of Columbia, dedicated to meeting the self-defined needs of women, girls, and their families living with, or at-risk of HIV/AIDS, reducing barriers to care, and strengthening the network of support and services.

This Toolkit is informed by the actual experiences of women living with HIV in the District, who participated in a series of focus group dialogues hosted by [TWC](#) in 2011. You will see that the toolkit focuses heavily on the socioeconomic needs of women living with HIV—this is because socioeconomic barriers often bar access to sexual and reproductive healthcare.

By channeling the voices of women living with HIV, the Toolkit hopes to inform the policy dialogue with the current and actual experiences of these women. The Toolkit includes the following items:

1. A brochure targeting women living with HIV.
2. A fact sheet for healthcare providers who serve women living with HIV.
3. A presentation intended for use by community-based organizations and other advocates seeking to increase public understanding of and advance the sexual and reproductive health of women living with HIV.
4. A policy paper relevant for all audiences, "[HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health in the District of Columbia](#)," published by the Center for Women Policy Studies in February 2012.

We hope you will find this Toolkit helpful as you continue to support women, girls, and families. Please contact [TWC](#) for further information or guidance in using this Toolkit. Furthermore, we welcome you to draw on [TWC](#)'s institutional expertise and we look forward to counting you among our key partners in this fight.

Thank you for your time and use of this Toolkit and for your commitment to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic plaguing women, girls, and families.

Sincerely,

Policy & Advocacy Department, The Women's Collective