



**SERVICE PROVIDERS NEED TO TRUST THAT PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS KNOW WHAT THEY NEED**

**TRUTH TAAPWEYWIN DEBWEWIN**

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**I DESERVE RESPECT  
REGARDLESS OF MY  
HIV / AIDS STATUS**

**RESPECT**      **MANAACIHIWEWIN  
MAANIJIIGIEIDIWIN**

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WE SHOULD BE CONSULTED WHEN  
PEOPLE ARE DESIGNING PROGRAMS  
FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS.  
NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US

**WISDOM** NIPWAAHKAAWIN  
NIBWAAKAAWIN

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CREATING THE SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN  
TALK ABOUT THEIR HIV/AIDS STATUS SAFELY  
AND OPENLY IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT

**HONESTY** KWAYASKITAATISIWIN  
GWAYAKWAADIZIWIN

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SERVICE PROVIDERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND  
THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS  
BEST FOR US. THEY NEED TO HONOUR  
OUR CHOICES AND WALK BESIDE US

# HUMILITY

TAPAHTENIMOWIN  
DBAADENDIZIWIN

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WHEN SOMEONE DISCLOSES THEIR  
HIV/AIDS STATUS TO YOU - RECOGNIZE  
THAT IT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE

**COURAGE** SOOHKITEHEWIN  
ZOONGIDE'EWIN

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**LOVE IS A HUGE PART OF THE HEALING  
PROCESS AFTER HIV/AIDS DIAGNOSIS**

**LOVE SAKIHIWEWIN  
ZAAGI'IDIWIN**

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