# AND SRH RESOURCES

## Richmond Reproductive Psychiatry Program

**Services:** Psychiatric assessments and follow-up for reproductive-related mental health concerns

### Sage Maternal Mental Health & Maternal Wellness

**Services:** Specialized counselling for pregnancy, postpartum, reproductive challenges and loss, birth trauma, and identity shifts.

## Reproductive Mental Health Clinic (St. Paul's Hospital)

**Services:** Mental health care for pregnancy, postpartum, and reproductive transitions, including assessments, psychiatric support, treatment, and CBT groups

## Reproductive Mental Health Services (BC Women's Hospital)

**Services:** Provides mental health and substance use support before, during, and after pregnancy

## Reproductive Mental Health — Surrey Mental Health & Substance Use Centre

**Services:** Provides psychiatric care for reproductive-related mental health concerns (e.g., prenatal/postpartum depression, PMDD, menopause).

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# **BRIDGING GAPS IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE CARE:**

A Holistic Approach for Racialized
Communities

## MENTAL WELL-BEING AND SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (SRH)







#### WHAT IS MENTAL WELL-BEING?

This is the **state of emotional**, **psychological**, **and social health**. It affects how we think, feel, and act in daily life.



## MENTAL WELL-BEING SUPPORTS;



Coping with stress



Making life decisions



Building healthy relationships

#### **WHAT IS SRH CARE?**

SRH care in Canada includes a broad spectrum of services and rights, such as:

Pregnancy
gender- Abortion
affirming care
Fertility

Birth control Support after sexual violence Cancer screening HPV vaccination

Mental health support

## MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT ON SRH

 High stress and depression can contribute to inconsistent contraceptive use, unintended pregnancy, and reduced sexual autonomy.







Perinatal depression affects
1 in 5 mothers in Canada, with immigrant and racialize
women at higher risk.



### SRH IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

- Infertility can triple the risk of depression and anxiety, and stigma in BIPOC communities often prevents open dialogue
- Miscarriage and stillbirth can have lasting emotional and psychological impacts, often compounded by cultural silence
- Survivors of sexual and gender-based violence frequently develop PTSD and depression, with Indigenous women in Canada disproportionately affected

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Know your rights- Your care must be respectful, confidential, and culturally safe. If not, you can ask for another provider
- Seek safe providers- Look for clinics where staff understand your culture and experiences
- **Build peer networks-** Join support groups to talk about mental & sexual health without judgment
- **Use Crisis & Helpline Resources-** Free 24/7 text & phone lines are available
- Share knowledge- Open conversations about mental health and SRH help reduce stigma