## The impact of a stress management intervention including cultural components on stress biomarker levels and mental health indicators among Indigenous women

We are: Studying a culturally inclusive intervention to reduce stress biomarker levels AND reduce symptoms suggestive of depression and PTSD.

Component 2:

## INDIGENOUS PRACTICES AND CULTURAL CONNECTION





Component 3:

GUIDED IMAGERY
LED BY INDIGENOUS
HEALING
PRACTITIONER OR
ELDER





**Stress and PTSD** score measures



Stress biomarker (cortisol) levels\*



\*significant decreases among older women and women with disabilities



We know: Chronic stress is a consequence of systemic oppression and discrimination.

Spiritual and land-based activities from Indigenous knowledge are essential for individual and community healing.

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