## AGING WITHOUT VIOLENCE.



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## WORD TO THE WISE Unique barriers exists for older women experiencing violence

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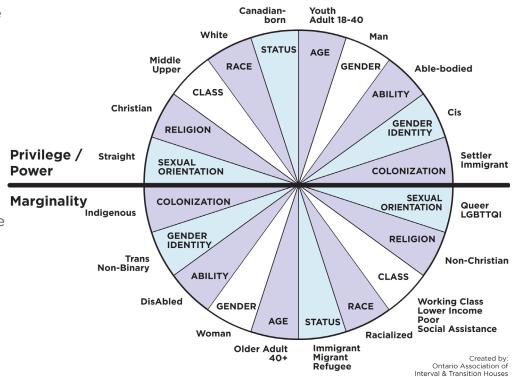
## What barriers do older women experience when accessing services and supports?

Aging Without Violence research participants reported on why they believe older women experiencing violence do not access services:

- Believes it is a personal matter (34%)
- Feels there is no purpose in getting help (length of abuse) (31%)
- She is not aware of the available services (19%)
- She doesn't think your organization supports her age group (8%)<sup>1</sup>

## Why is an intersectional approach important when working with older women?

Older women who experience violence come from a variety of communities with diverse needs, backgrounds, and experiences of systemic oppression. Below are some of the intersecting identities and the correlating positions of privilege/marginality which may impact the way an older woman experiences violence and your services. Understanding and challenging your own privilege and preconceptions and their relationship with institutional and systemic oppression is a key element of providing effective, respectful service to older women from a variety of backgrounds and experiences.<sup>2</sup>



Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH). (2018). Aging Without Violence Gap Analysis.
Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH). (2018). How Does Intersectionality Work?