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Gabriela brings 20 years of experience supporting people impacted by structural and interpersonal violence and their traumatic effects through innovative and evidence-based clinical, housing, resource advocacy, peer-led, harm reduction, and HIV-integrated care programs.

As a person with lived experience of violence and trauma, they center survivor-driven solutions, non-pathologizing approaches, and intergenerational healing in their work.

Their current work focuses on authoring best practices, leading national capacity-building efforts, and providing trauma-informed policy consultation to advance health equity and social justice.

Outside of work, Gabriela deeply values volunteering as a trauma therapist with survivors of torture and spending time in nature with family.