To strengthen treatment effectiveness for women in recovery, POWER has selected Dr. Stephanie S. Covington, PhD, LCSW, to conduct a three- to four-day workshop: one day for POWER staff and several other area agencies’ staffs, two to three days for POWER staff only. Dr. Covington’s *Beyond Trauma: A Healing Journey for Women*, is an innovative, gender-responsive, and trauma-informed approach to the treatment needs of women. Her staff-development seminars focus on systems change and the development of caring, compassionate, and empowering therapeutic environments. They provide professionals an opportunity to learn new skills for dealing with personal, institutional, and societal changes.

While POWER has incorporated an understanding of the impact of violence and other forms of trauma on the lives of women and on their recovery process, we are committed to continuously evaluating and improving our services. Our goal is to enhance the quality of treatment and support services through professional development and training opportunities that address evidence-based models and strategies. At this stage of the agency's development, we know that it is important to continue to strengthen the staff's skills in the area of trauma services and have a plan to bring Dr. Covington back to Pittsburgh to provide a three- or four-day program to meet our needs and the needs of some of our colleagues in the community.

The agencies that will be invited to participate include, but are not limited to: Bethlehem Haven, Center for Victims of Violence & Crime, Family Links, Lydia’s Place (Renewal), Sojourner House, The Program for Offenders, Women’s Center & Shelter, Woman’s Place, and WomenSpace East.