

Abstract

The occurrence of interpersonal trauma is a reality for many women, with effects that often persist long after the traumatic events end. The purpose of this feminist grounded theory study was to examine how past trauma ~~shaped~~s the lives of women as they ~~become~~-became new mothers. ~~A~~-We recruited a purposive sample of 32 women ~~was recruited~~ from two Canadian communities ~~and conducted~~s-Semi-structured, dialogic interviews ~~were conducted~~ during the second trimester of pregnancy. ~~We~~ ~~analyzed~~ ~~D~~data ~~were analysed~~ using thematic content analytic methods, including open coding whereby ~~we read~~ transcripts ~~were read~~ line-by-line and ~~codes applied~~-applied codes to portions of text that illustrated concepts or themes. The substantive grounded theory, *Laboring to Mother in the Context of Past Trauma*, describes the exceedingly difficult emotional and cognitive work undertaken by pregnant women with histories of trauma as they ~~anticipate~~d becoming mothers. In this ~~article~~paper, we present key components of the theory and offer recommendations for health and social service providers.

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