



SUPPORTING

Settlers *Workers*

What is Sex Work?

Sex work is the oldest profession in the world.

Sex work encompasses the provision of sexual services or performances in exchange for monetary compensation or goods. It is a legitimate form of employment that offers opportunities for individuals from all walks of life to earn income and achieve success. Regardless of your position in society, there are avenues available to thrive and prosper within this field.



Disabled



Incarcerated



Undocumented



Queer

Considerations

Given the different kinds of sex work, there are various considerations when engaging in medical care. What are a few that are NOT STI-related?



Erotic Dancing



Content Creation



Phone Sex



Escort Services

What is the COIN Clinic?




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I have always dreamt with having a clinic just for sex workers

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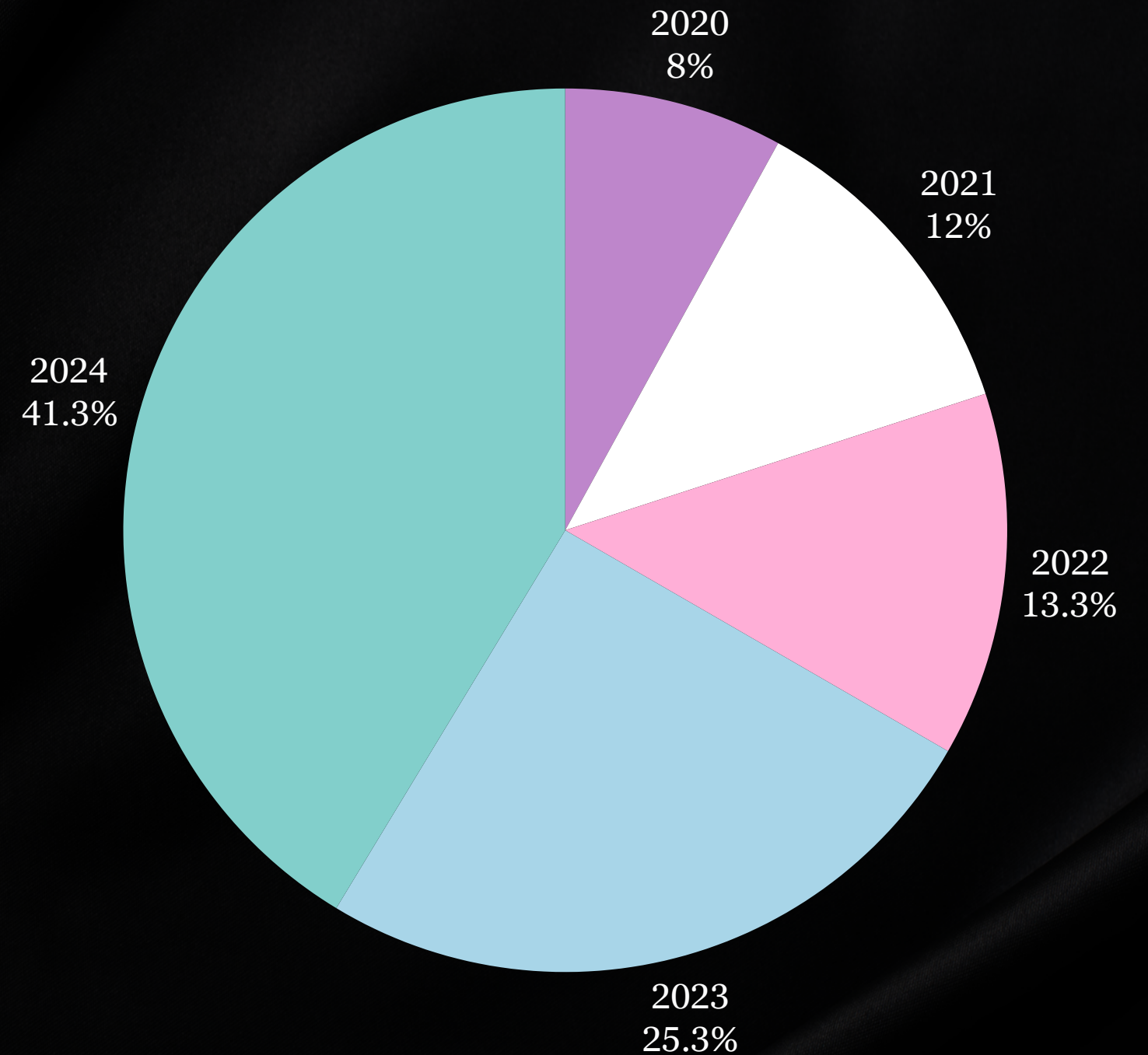
Client Centered Approach

- Understanding that they are the experts in their own lives.
- Listen when they share what is doable for them and their needs.
- Listen to how they describe the work they do
- Non judgmental language and interactions
- Asking questions regarding their health beyond sexual health
- Include sex workers in the creation and roll out of any programming that is specific to sex workers.

Facts Not Feelings!

By adopting a client-centered approach and prioritizing autonomy, we have successfully retained individuals who initially have reservations about the medical field.

- Since the program began, we now have over 700 patients enrolled in the COIN Clinic
 - In 2024, we have enrolled more than 200 new patients.
 - We've had steady increases in the number of patients enrolled per month:
- We saw a spike of COIN enrollments in February 2024, following the publicity of COIN via Cecilia's memorial, enrolling 52 people in that month alone.



Retention is Possible

The percentage of insured patients has gone down since our evaluation in 2022 (from 52% to 47%), as many patients were navigated to enroll in health insurance benefits (either Medicaid or the NYSOH marketplace).

- With the rise in numbers since then (200 in 2022 compared to 700 in 2024 so far), the number of uninsured patients completely reliant on COIN funding has nearly tripled (104 in 2022, 286 in 2024 so far).
- As of 2024, patients who are entirely uninsured average 3 clinical visits annually, not including case management or other unbillable services

Since the beginning of the program, 86% of patients enrolled in COIN (2020) have been retained in care.

- Retention is defined as having at least one clinical visit in the past 365 days.

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COIN Testimonials

“I haven't had primary care in like, I don't know how long years and years. So just like being able to get in and talk to a doctor, it was already understood the moment I walked in that I was a sex worker. I didn't have to explain--it was so affirming. This is the first time I feel like, this is the first time in my adult life that I've had a consistent primary care provider. So that is just like, life changing.”

Resources for Sex Workers

C.O.I.N. Clinic

DeCrimNY

Red Canary Song

SWOP Brooklyn

GLITS

AVP

Sex Worker project

National Queer and Trans Therapists of Color Network - Mental Health Fund

Legal Aid

New Moon Network



Thank you for joining me today. If you have any questions or comments or are interested in potential collaboration, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email.

