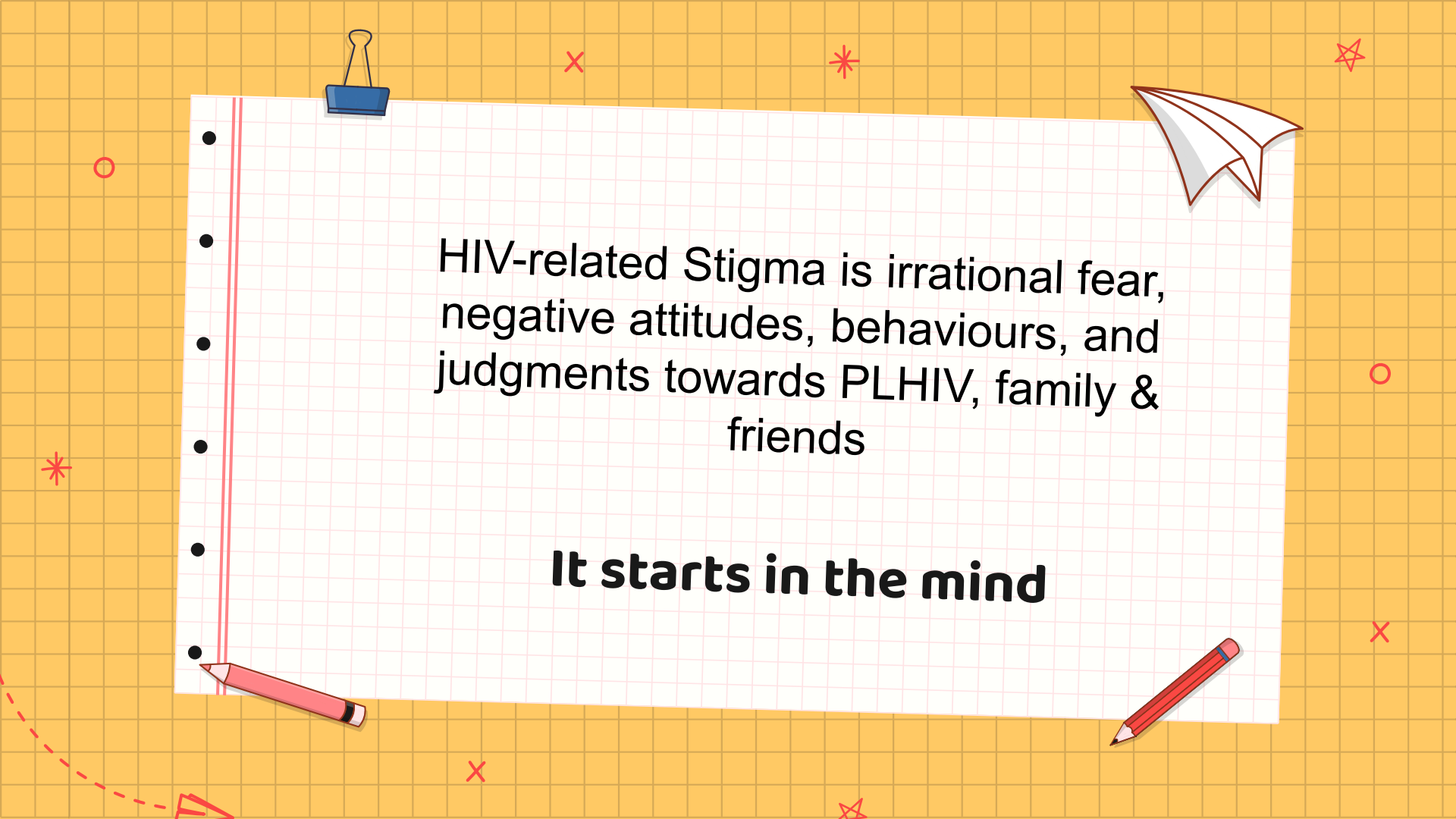


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Stigma & Discrimination Women's Reality

JAMAICA



HIV-related Stigma is irrational fear,
negative attitudes, behaviours, and
judgments towards PLHIV, family &
friends

It starts in the mind

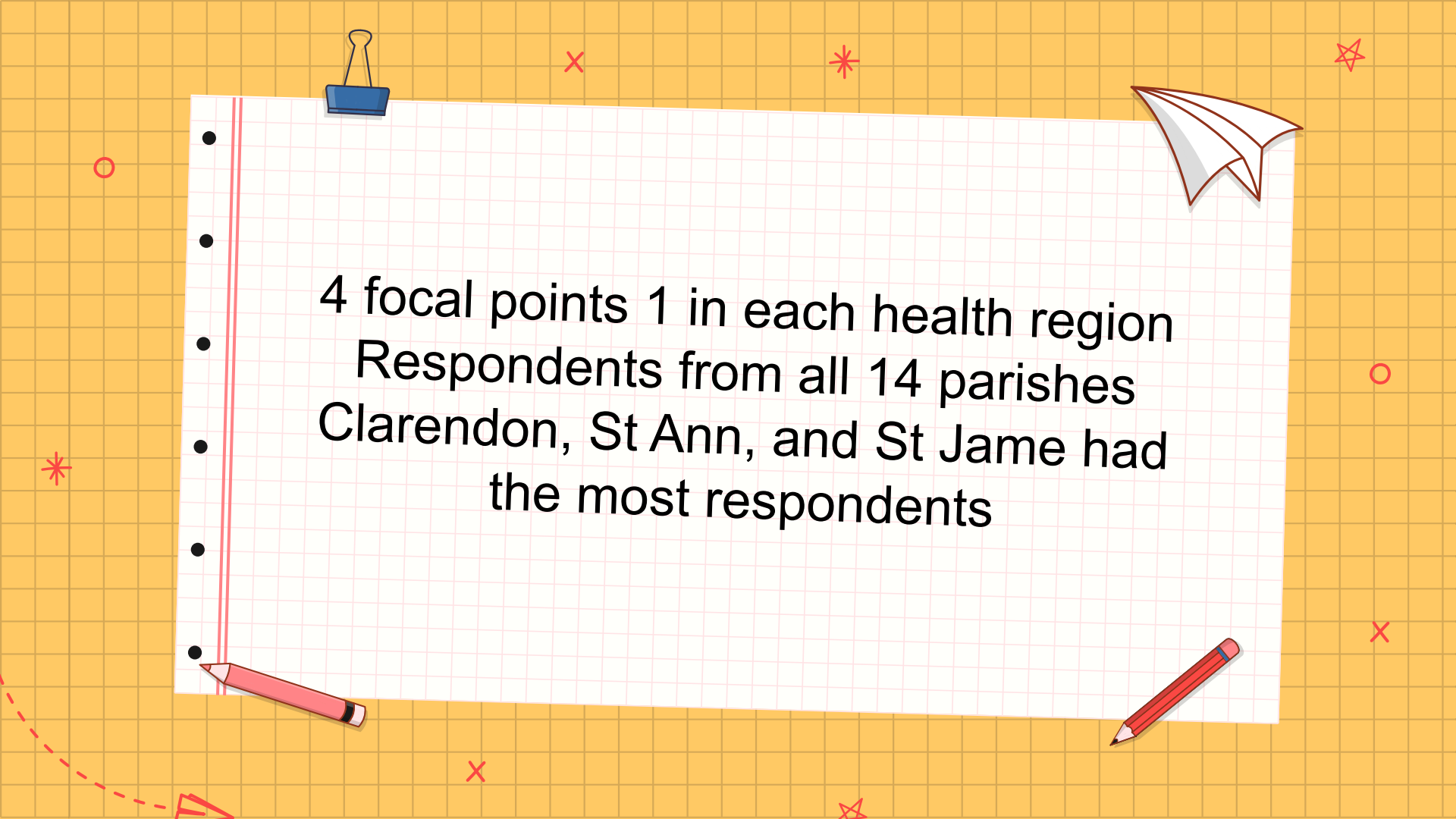


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Survey on WHIV knowledge and understanding of HIV Related Stigma & Discrimination

JCW+ in partnership with JN+, UNAIDS

- Launched April 18 and closed on May 12, 2021.
- SurveyMonkey was the survey platform used.
- 128 responses



4 focal points 1 in each health region
Respondents from all 14 parishes
Clarendon, St Ann, and St Jame had
the most respondents

Survey Question

What are the actions that should be prioritized to reduce stigma and discrimination against women living with HIV?

Health care Settings

- Training doctors and nurses to treat us with dignity and respect
- Protect confidentiality
- Improve options to file complaints and get justice
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Education settings

- Train/sensitize school authorities and student bodies about HIV , human rights and gender equality
- Make sure it becomes part of teacher training curriculum

community settings

- Launch public awareness campaigns about HIV, S&D, Human rights, gender equality, and non violence
- Support community leaders, church, service organizations that address violence against women

Justice Settings

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- Approve more and better laws that protect women from violence and discrimination (82% of respondents)
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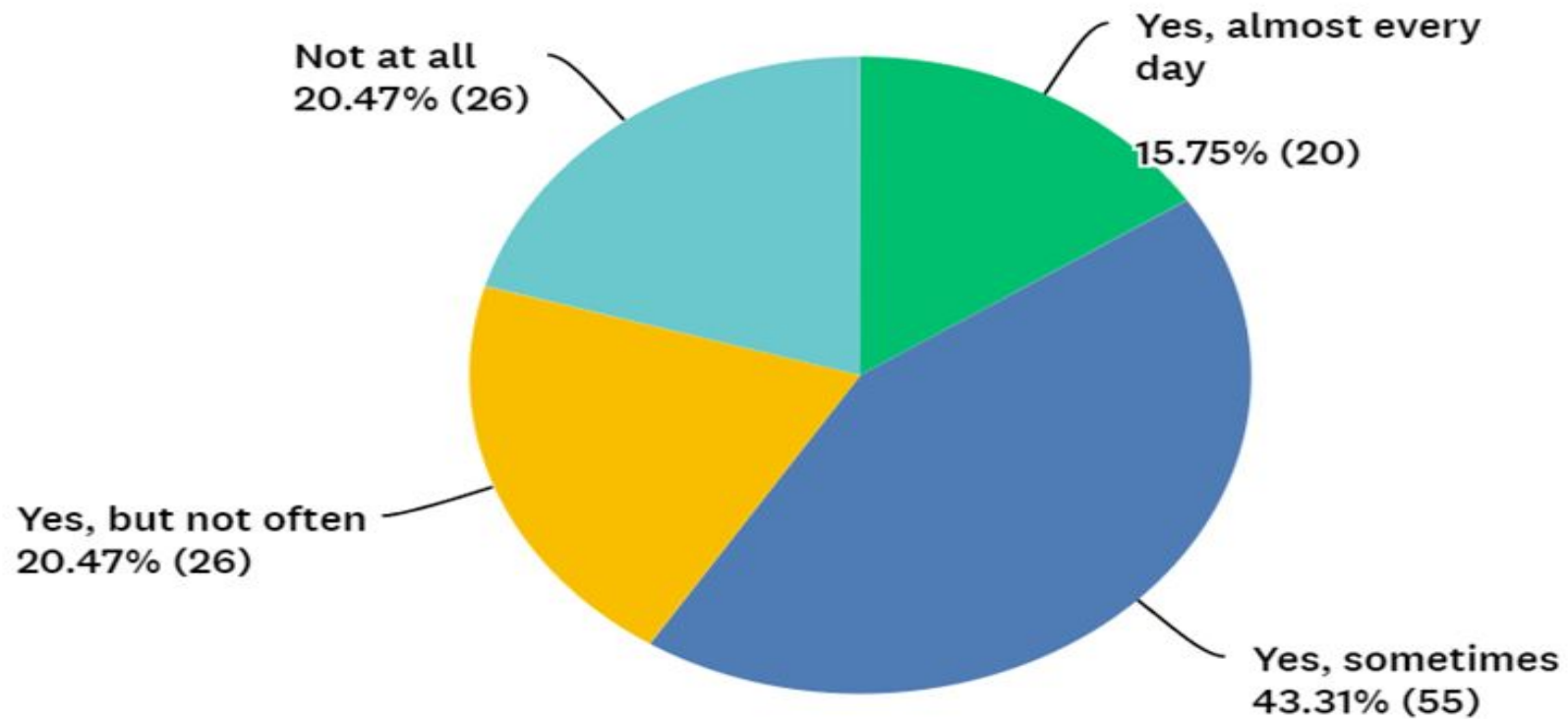
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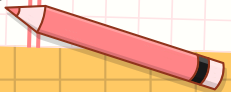
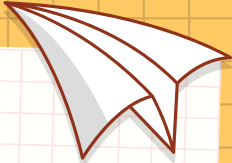

- Improve workplace policies to protect employment rights, dignity and wellbeing of people living with HIV.
- Train women for economic independence



**Feelings of Guilt or
other negative
thoughts about self**

SELF STIGMA

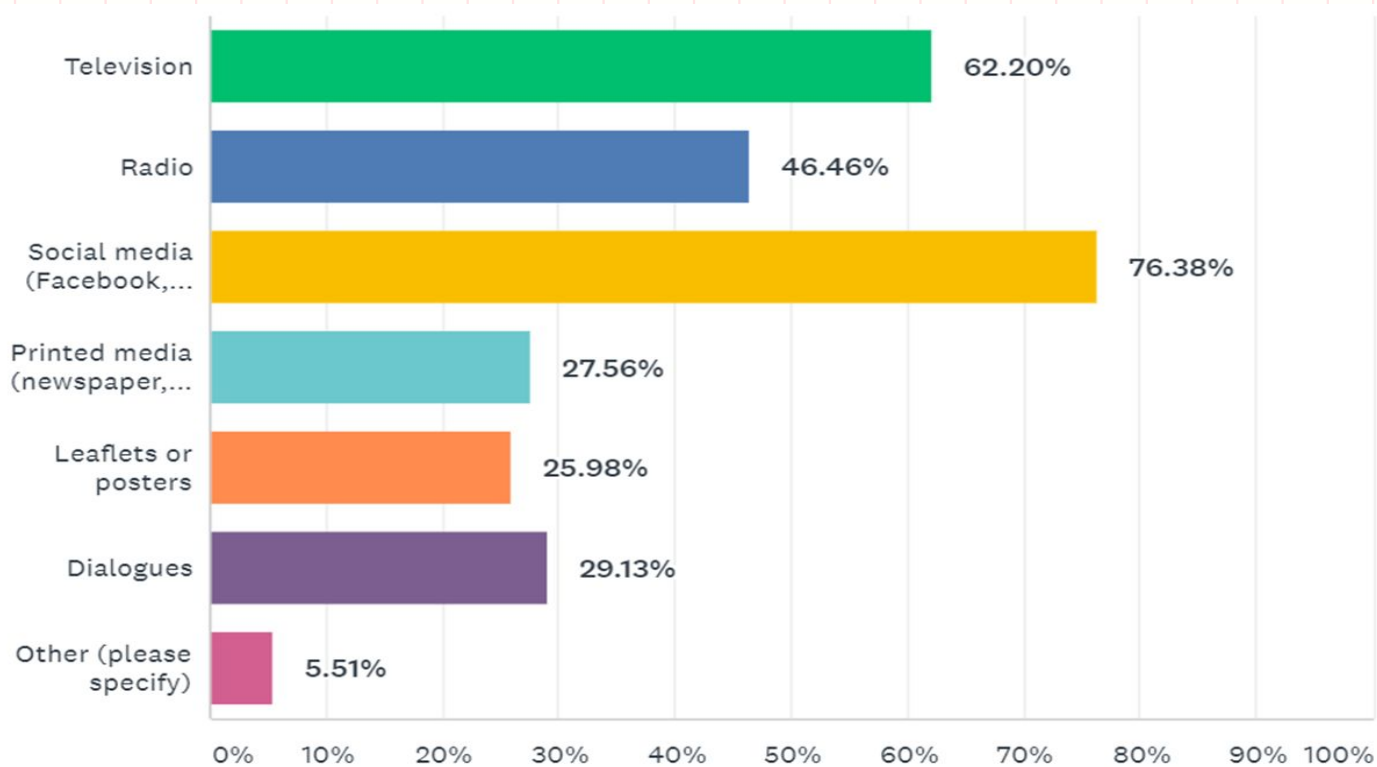






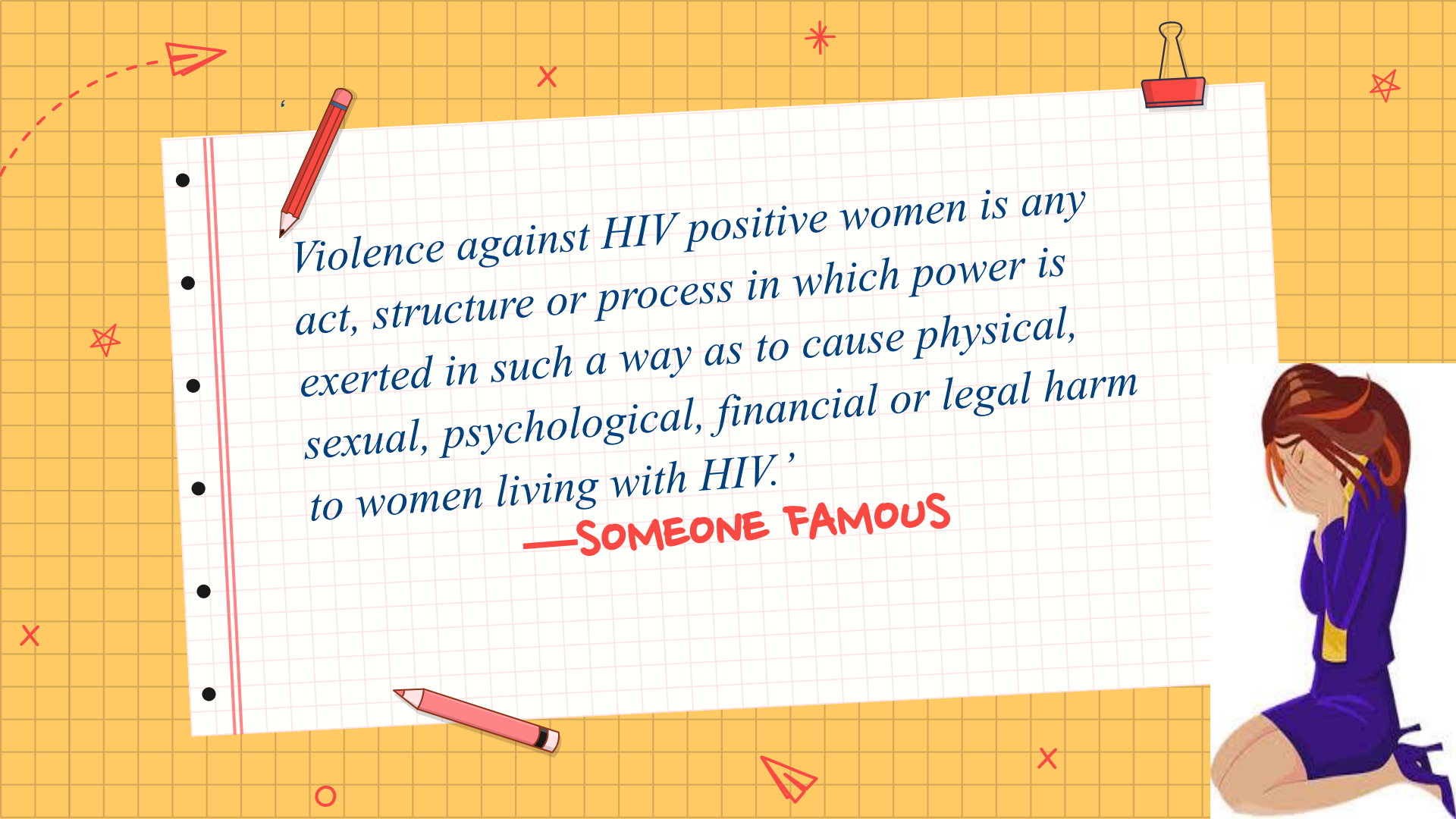
If you had stigmatizing feelings towards
people living with HIV before you were
diagnosed those feeling does not
automatically go away

Best media to reach peers, social
services, church, health care
workers, school, family,
workplace/community

Results







Violence against HIV positive women is any act, structure or process in which power is exerted in such a way as to cause physical, sexual, psychological, financial or legal harm to women living with HIV.'

—SOMEONE FAMOUS





THANKS!



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