



Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Share it, Pitch it, Scale it! Innovative Solutions to Homelessness Microgrant Projects

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

CAEH 2017 National Conference to End Homelessness
RBC Convention Centre
Winnipeg, Manitoba

PROGRAMME D'ENCADREMENT CLINIQUE ET D'HÉBERGEMENT (PECH) - PROGRAMME CLÉS EN MAIN

Programme concerté interdisciplinaire d'accompagnement au maintien en logement social

📍 Québec, Québec

Clés en main implemented a cross-cultural multidisciplinary approach to collectively: address housing instability among marginalized clients; design and test technical resources to prevent the eviction of tenants who have psychosocial problems; and, document and promote evidence-based practices to support sustainable housing and improve psychosocial and material stability.

- Strategic Partnerships
- Data Collection
- People with mental illnesses

ARGUS RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Homelessness: A Strength-Based Approach to Prevention and Diversion

📍 Cambridge, Ontario

Argus Residence for Young People evaluated the effectiveness and scalability of an innovative tool designed to prevent youth homelessness and reduce the need for youth to access emergency shelters. The tool supports the development of an engagement framework outlining a population-based coordinated approach to ending homelessness focussed on diversion from homelessness into Housing First. The main objective of this project was to evaluate the effectiveness and scalability of the Youth Homelessness Prevention and Diversion Tool: A Housing First and Strength Based Approach to Preventing Youth Homelessness in the Waterloo Region.

- Data Collection
- Interventions for specific populations
- Youth

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CMHA), MANITOBA AND WINNIPEG

Youth Homelessness Prevention - Building Futures

📍 Winnipeg Centre, Manitoba

The CMHA, Manitoba and Winnipeg enhanced and scaled up their Building Futures Program (a community-driven initiative supporting youth transitioning out of care) by using the "A Way Home Youth Homelessness Community Planning Kit" to prevent youth homelessness across the province.

The project's aim was to identify ways in which the program model can be enhanced to better prevent youth homelessness across Manitoba, and developed an evaluation framework to support a rigorous evaluation of the model.

- Data Collection
- Interventions for specific populations
- Youth

CALGARY HOMELESS FOUNDATION

Blueprint to re-engage vulnerable and homeless Calgary citizens in civic life

📍 Calgary, Alberta

The Calgary Homeless Foundation, in collaboration with Community Justice Collaborative: Calgary, created an innovative Integrated Service Support Model, the "Blueprint to reengage vulnerable and homeless Calgary citizens in civic life", to assist Calgary's vulnerable citizens integrate in the community. The model's aim was to enhance the opportunity for vulnerable citizens to participate in civic life and community safety.

- Data Collection
- Improve socio-economic outcomes

DIXON TRANSITION SOCIETY

Supporting Women Fleeing Violence: A Homelessness Prevention Strategy

📍 Burnaby, British Columbia

The Dixon Transition Society developed an innovative outreach service for women fleeing violence in the community to help them secure employment, a higher paying job, or improve educational outcomes. The approach focused on life skills, computer and technology skills, and employment preparation skills with the intent to help women rebuilt violence-free lives for themselves and their children and prevent homelessness.

- Interventions for specific populations
- Improve socio-economic outcomes
- Women fleeing violence

RAISING THE ROOF | CHEZ TOIT

The Upstream Project: Assessment and Evaluation Tools

📍 Toronto, Ontario

Raising the Roof | Chez Toit developed and implemented assessment tools (to identify risk factors and needs) as well as evaluation tools to ensure that the Upstream Project kept with the Australian model, the Geelong Project. The Upstream Project adapted, to a Canadian context, the innovative, evidence-based successes of Australia's Geelong Project. The aim is to improve the identification of at-risk youth and the prevention of youth homelessness. With data identifying youth at-risk, educators will be able to facilitate interventions for youth by connecting them with local service providers for support.

- Data Collection
- Interventions for specific populations
- Strategic Partnerships
- Improve socio-economic outcomes
- Youth

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF SOUTHEASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Happy Housing Campaign Toolkit

📍 Moncton, New Brunswick

The John Howard Society of Southeastern New Brunswick developed and disseminated the Happy Housing Campaign Toolkit, a social innovation initiative that featured a fun and captivating public fundraising interactive mobile application.

One of the main objectives of this project was to roll out the strategies and lessons learned to each of the HPS Designated Communities across Canada. The proponent expected that 3 million users per game could be reached worldwide and that a portion of revenues generated by the mobile games could be directed towards local initiatives aimed at ending homelessness.

- Strategic Partnerships

EVA'S INITIATIVES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

Assessment of Outcome Frameworks for Youth Shelter Providers

📍 Toronto, Ontario

Eva's Initiative for Homeless Youth developed a process of evaluation to identify interventions that achieve the best results and that demonstrated the greatest areas of improvement to get youth off the streets and into permanent housing. The project aimed to support youth homelessness sector agencies in the development of outcome evaluation frameworks thereby enabling them to more effectively measure and evaluate key metrics related to youth homelessness, in particular, preventing, reducing and ending homelessness.

- Data Collection
- Interventions for specific populations
- Youth

ALBERTA RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (ARDN)

Best practices for cost-effective, efficient & reliable homelessness estimates in rural Canada

📍 Edmonton, Alberta

The Alberta Rural Development Network developed effective, cost-conscious, efficient and reliable practices to support homeless enumeration in rural communities and surrounding areas that have limited resources. ARDN intended to disseminate the tools to over 500 rural communities across Canada. The project supported the establishment of a homelessness baseline in rural communities.

- Data Collection

OPTIONS BYTOWN NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

Evaluation of Data Collection Using the Homelessness Outcomes Star Tool

📍 Ottawa, Ontario

Options Bytown Non Profit Housing Corporation evaluated an innovative intervention and evidence-based tool: the Outcomes Star (impact assessment tool), currently being used by their Housing First Case management team. The Outcomes Star was developed and tested in the U.K. to measure program impact on clients (e.g. self-care, tenancy, mental health, etc.). Options Bytown evaluated the usefulness of the tool in focusing interventions and measuring outcomes.

- Data Collection
- Interventions for specific populations
- Indigenous people
- Women fleeing violence
- People with mental illness

LE BOULOT VERS

Préparation à l'entrée en stage d'insertion

📍 Montréal, Québec

Le Boulot vers... tested and documented the impact of a different approach to prepare homeless youth for the labour market. The pilot project offered a one-month pre-internship for homeless youth (compared with half a day for other candidates) to give them the opportunity to gradually transition from the street to the practice firm. The youth also received personal (housing search, employability skills) and social (familiarization with resources) support. A comparative study of results was conducted.

- Interventions for specific populations
- Improve socio-economic outcomes
- Youth

URBAN SOCIETY FOR ABORIGINAL YOUTH (USAY)

Unlocking Homelessness

📍 Calgary, Alberta

The Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth developed the "Unlocking Homelessness" concept for indigenous youth based on the escape room game. The aim was to build educational experiences that had the potential to teach a range of thinking skills and helped Indigenous youth experiencing homeless or Indigenous youth at-risk of being homeless learn about services and supports available in the community.

- Interventions for specific populations
- Data Collection
- Youth
- Indigenous people