

Spotlight on Rural and Remote Youth Homelessness

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Agenda

1. Introduction

2. Panel Discussion

3. World Café

4. Report Back and Wrap Up -

What does the shift to prevention and stability look like in rural and remote communities?



Challenges and Opportunities

- Issues and innovations for RRYH are unique, not well known, supported or scaled in all provinces/territories.
- RRYH not as immersed in the national conversation as it should be.
- Absence of relevant research and mechanisms to share best practice.

AWHC Role

Local – Support coordinated responses locally through systems planning and shift to prevention

Provincial/Territorial – Act as a support and catalyst at the provincial/territorial level to strengthen work underway and identify gaps in policy.

Pan-Canadian – Bring RRYH issues and solutions into the national movement to prevent and end youth homelessness – conferences, research, policy. Connect provincial efforts – ARDN, Choices for Youth Ontario RRYN

Panelists

- Terri Lee Kelford – Chair, Cornerstone Landing Youth Services
- Joshua Smee – Provincial Expansion Coordinator - Choices for Youth, NL
- Ayon Shahed – Director of Strategic Relations - Choices for Youth, NL
- Mike Lethby – E.D. The RAFT, Niagara
- Jonn Kmech – Program Manager - Alberta Rural Development Network

Questions

1. **Collective Voice** - “Why is it important for rural/remote communities to have a collective voice? What are the emerging/immediate issues”?
2. **Research/Data** - “What could be learned (by government, policy, community, funders) from doing research in rural communities? How is data collection different in/for rural communities?”
3. **Strengths** - “Identify what distinguishes rural and remote responses from urban.”
4. **Funding** - Should funding in rural and remote communities be addressed differently than urban centres, (strengths and challenges)? What are the barriers to accessing funding in rural communities?
5. **Ideas for Next Steps** – How would you like to connect/share going forward – online, in person, other?

Resources

A Way Home Canada - www.awayhome.ca

- Rural and Remote Youth Homelessness Webinar
- Register for Newsletter!!!!

Choices for Youth

Provincial Expansion -

<https://www.choicesforyouth.ca/provincial-expansion>

Alberta Rural Development Network - www.ardn.ca

The Raft – www.theraft.ca

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