



A Community Development Process for Ending Rural Homelessness

Key Takeaways

Community-led Process

Listen intentionally to community with a willingness to be adaptable to the needs of the sector. Create space to pause and move forward in this work equitably and with intention. Be in a state of readiness for opportunities as they arise - we can respond without all the answers. Create a network of networks. Consider utilizing and adapting models that will support your ongoing work and process. One example is Collective Impact, as utilized by the Homeless No More Initiative. There are many resources available to support practice in Collective Impact and other models through organizations like the [Tamarack Institute](#).

Create Intentional Partnerships

Partnerships to consider:

- All levels of government
- Service support sector
- Lived & living experience
- Volunteer boards & org.s
- Recreation
- Mental Health
- Older adults & org.s
- Healthcare
- Academia
- Education
- Public Health
- Indigenous communities & groups
- African Canadian & Black communities
- 2SLGBTQIA+ communities
- Newcomer communities
- Youth
- Peer based groups
- RCMP/policing agencies
- Family support services
- Primary healthcare
- Physicians
- Interested sectors in your area

Engage & Act with Community Organizations

Listen to and act with community/sector organizations. Through hosted engagements with community and sector organizations, Homeless No More was able to listen and plan to:

- **Amplify** the work of the sector
- **Connect** services and resources
- **Influence** policy, funding, and systems change
- **Support** organizations in advocacy and data collection