



A Way Home Canada - Youth Homelessness Community Planning Webinar Series 2017

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Community planning is essential to preventing and ending youth homelessness. A Way Home Canada supports sector and community capacity to plan, implement and sustain effective, evidence-based and measurable strategies to prevent and end youth homelessness.

Communities everywhere are asking for assistance on how to develop and implement successful plans. In response to this need, A Way Home's Youth Homelessness Community Planning Webinar Series will provide guidance on the fundamentals for strong community planning practice over the 2017 year.

Who are these webinars for?

Consider participating in one or all of these webinars if you are a(n):

- **Community Leader or coordinator of a community** planning process or want to start one?
- **Funder** who wants to increase the impact of your support on youth homelessness.
- **Ontario Service Manager** who wants to support better service integration for young people.
- **Community Entity (CE) or Community Advisory Board (CAB)** looking to enhance the impact of HPS investments on youth homelessness.
- **Policy maker** who wants to ensure community plans are aligned with government policy for maximum impact?
- **Executive Director (or Manager)** of a youth-serving agency who wants better integration of services in your community so young people no longer slip through the cracks.
- **Member of a community planning steering committee or board member** who wants to know more about the mechanics of community planning to make more effective contributions.

- **Consultant** hired to support youth homelessness efforts by conducting research, writing plans or facilitating stakeholder groups.
- **Researcher** working on a project with bearing on youth homelessness and want to enhance its research and policy relevance.

If so you will benefit from this webinar series!

Course Description

Phase One: Will provide the fundamentals.

From January to March, three monthly webinars will:

1. Introduce you to key concepts of youth homelessness community planning,
2. Applying the Collective Impact framework specifically for youth homelessness
3. Diving in-depth on the role of Ontario Service Managers and their communities in ending and preventing youth homelessness.

Phase Two: Will dig deeper into community planning with topics ranging from the role of funders, government policy, research, youth engagement, regional planning, achieving early wins and so much more!

Webinar Details

Phase One

January 31, 2017 -

Webinar 1 - Youth Homelessness Community Planning 101

Dr. Alina Turner will be walking you step-by-step through the fundamentals involved in building a plan to prevent and end youth homelessness in your community. Alina has developed such plans in a variety of communities: urban, rural and regional. She brings a system planning approach to her work and grounds this in Collective Impact principles. In this webinar, she will work through topics including: community readiness, research and consultations approaches, setting targets and costs analysis, and implementation considerations.

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February 28, 2017

Webinar 2 - Collective Impact and Youth Homelessness Community Planning

Melanie Redman, Executive Director of A Way Home Canada and Dr. Stephen Gaetz, Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness will offer a practical training on Collective Impact and the role it plays in youth homelessness community planning. The session will be peppered with mini case studies of the successes and pitfalls of Collective Impact work and what we can learn from them. Participants will gain a rich understanding of why Collective Impact is critical if we want to prevent and end youth homelessness.

March TBD, 2017

Webinar 3 - Role of Service Managers in Youth Homelessness Community Planning & Service Integration.

A webinar for Ontario Service Managers and their community partners. In partnership with OMSSA and particular interest for Ontario, this webinar will also be useful for community leaders and partners across Canada seeking new strategies and tools to strengthen the relationship between local governments and communities.

Phase Two - April to Dec 2017 Topics - Dates TBD

- Community Planning and Systems Integration, (engaging government)
- How to Think and Plan like a Region - Include Community Entities and rural representation.
- 20,000 Homes Campaign and Youth/Early Wins/100 day Challenges
- Funders to End Youth Homelessness - Role of foundations, government, private sector funders in ending youth homelessness
- Building a Research Agenda/The Role of Data - National Survey, HIFIS
- Youth Engagement
- Other TBD