

Community Plan

1. Collect and organize statistics on the homelessness situation for the Aboriginal Community.
2. Ensure that essential programs are maintained as identified by the working group.
3. Raise public awareness of the homelessness issues in Greater Sudbury identified and reported.
4. Ensure systemic issues are identified and reported.

Quote "People have it backwards about the homeless. They think because you're a drunk or on drugs you're on the streets. But it's the street that drives you to it. You drink or do drugs to forget the pain of being there."

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Aboriginal Homelessness And Housing Support Program



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MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the quality of life for Aboriginal people living in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal participation in Canadian Society with respect to Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop a support system for homeless Aboriginals.
- To assist clients in developing basic life skills; which will help in self-motivation.
- To increase the awareness of homelessness to the Greater City of Sudbury Community.
- To assist with the needs of people living on the streets and in shelters.

TARGET GROUP

The program provides Outreach Services to Aboriginal men, women, youth and families who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

ABSOLUTE HOMELESS: People living on the street or in shelters.

HIGH RISK HOMELESS: People at risk of becoming homeless due to a lack of resources.

HIDDEN HOMELESS: Refers to people or persons living with family and friends due to lack of resources.

SERVICES

Advocacy

Advocate to the needs and support services for the homeless.

Intervention

Stabilize the living arrangements for the homeless, or those at risk of becoming homeless.

Referrals

People are referred to the appropriate agencies which offer services for the Aboriginal Homeless.

Workshops

Organize workshops that will support the Aboriginal people in their endeavours to move out of the cycle of homelessness. Example: Information about the Residential Tenancies Act.

Follow-Up

Provide the support needed to Aboriginals that have broken the cycle of homelessness or were at risk of becoming homeless.

Supportive Counseling

Provide one-to-one counselling to targeted group as required.

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