Making Research Matter
Knowledge Mobilization and the Homeless Hub

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Our Vision
Homelessness can be ended when effective policies and practices, informed by quality research, are implemented.
Canadian Homelessness Research Network

Our Mission

Enhance the impact of research on solutions to homelessness by establishing an evidence base and knowledge mobilization strategy that supports policy (including legislative change) and practice developments.
Students
Teachers
Service Providers
Policy Makers
Researchers
Students
News Media
General Public
ON THE BRINK?
A pilot study of the
Homelessness Assets & Risk Tool (HART)
to identify those at risk of becoming homeless

Features

Housing First Reduces Re-offending among Formerly Homeless Adults with Mental Disorders: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial

Authors: Somers, Julian M.; Rezansoff, Stefanie N.; Moniruzzaman, Akm; Palepu, Anita; Patterson, Michelle

Homelessness and mental illness have a strong association with public disorder and criminality. Experimental evidence indicates that Housing First (HF) increases housing stability and perceived choice among those experie... [Read More]

Household Food Insecurity in Canada 2011

Authors: Tarasuk, Valerie; Mitchell, Andy; Dachner, Naomi

Household food insecurity, inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints, is a significant social and public health problem in Canada. In 2011, 1.6 million Canadian households, or slightly more t... [Read More]
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The Canadian Definition of Homelessness
Homelessness in Canada

By the Numbers

As many as 1.3 million Canadians have experienced homelessness or extremely insecure housing at some point during the past five years.

At least 200,000 Canadians experience homelessness in a year.

Homelessness for the vast majority of people is short term and only happens once.

Homelessness costs the Canadian economy $7 billion annually.

This includes not only the cost of emergency shelters, but social services, health care and corrections.
Knowledge Mobilization

The State of Homelessness in Canada: 2013 is the first extensive Canadian report card on homelessness. Information for this report has been compiled by the Canadian Homelessness Research Network (Homeless Hub) and the Canadian Alliance to E... See more

30,000 people are homeless on a given night.
- 2,880 unsheltered
- 14,400 staying in emergency shelters
- As many as 50,000 may be ‘hidden homeless’
- 4,464 temporary institutional accommodation
- 7,350 staying in violence against women shelters

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Who is homeless in Canada? State of Homelessness infographic from #sohc2013: ow.ly/nzRDR

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Research Matters blog answer

Ask the Hub - Is It Worth Ticketing Homeless People?
By Tanya Gulliver
August 23, 2013

After last week’s Ask the Hub question on panhandling if we’ve had a lot of discussion on Twitter, Facebook and the blog about the issue. Our next question comes from Twitter follower @PurpleSaxifrage who tweeted the following:

ThunderingTundra @PurpleSaxifrage
How could a homeless person pay a fine? @homelesshub
#TheOttawaSun pic.twitter.com/CZFseBdjNc

View photo

Fly Shi program expanding

While the online and print text is a little different, the basic gist is the same. Police conducted a two hour panhandling blitz targeting panhandlers who moved away from the Lowertown area of Ottawa. They moved away because they were being targeted by the crime and disorder foot patrol which handed out 460 tickets in its first month.

In my work with people who are homeless the issue of ticketing comes up frequently. Sometimes, when I’ve had to ask for ID I’m given a ticket as proof of identity. Most people living on or frequenting the streets have a pocket full of tickets. They also have very few ideas on how to pay them. Jail instead of payment seems like a poor alternative to some people who...
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Household food insecurity, inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints, is a significant social and public health problem in Canada. In 2011, 1.6 million Canadian households, or slightly more than 12%, experienced some level of food insecurity. This assessment was based on a household-based measure of food insecurity.
Questions?

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