



Making Research Matter

Mobilizing Homelessness
Research in Canada



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AGENDA

1. What role can Homelessness Research play?
2. Homelessness Research in Canada
3. Moving Forward:
 - Canadian Homelessness Research Network
 - Homeless Hub



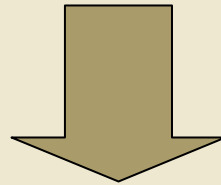
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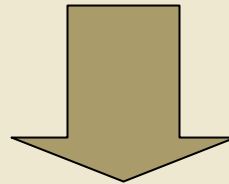


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RESEARCH



- *Decision Makers*
- *Service Providers*
- *General Public*



Impact on Homelessness



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Homelessness Research in Canada



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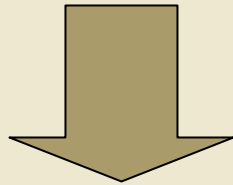
Who Does the Research?

- Academics
- Government
- Community-based Researchers

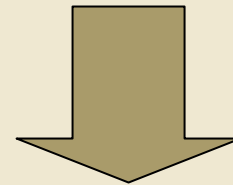


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KEY CHALLENGE:

Homelessness research has
NOT had the impact on policy,
practice and advocacy that it
should.



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WHY NOT?



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1. Research is difficult to Access an Share



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**2. Homelessness Research
is not a well established
subject area**



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3. Barriers to collaboration

- Academics, community, policy makers not linked
- Weak capacity
- Lack of shared goals



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4. Homelessness research not always valued



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5. Lack of effective infrastructure to mobilize research



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Canadian Homelessness Research Network

SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Cluster Grant Program



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The central research question that guides our activities is:

“In what ways can research more effectively contribute to solutions to homelessness in Canada?”



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Goals:

1. **Collaboration:** Provide opportunities for collaboration among the diversity of groups and researchers involved in homelessness across Canada.
2. **Knowledge exchange:** Make existing research on homelessness more accessible and reduce the geographical, sectoral, and socio-economic divisions that impede knowledge exchange.
3. **Public Engagement:** ‘Make research matter’ by exploring ways that research can more effectively engage the general public, policy makers and other decision-makers in the homelessness sector.



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1) Collaboration

- a) **Regional research clusters**
- b) **Topical research clusters**
(e.g., Street Youth, Aboriginal Homelessness)
- b) **Pan-Canadian linkages**



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QUESTIONS?