# Dufferin County Equity Collaborative

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## Today's Agenda

- CAEH Overview
- Community Impact
- Support Changes Coming!
- Advocacy: Homes Not Handcuffs
- Encampment Services
- Homelessness Reduction Innovation Funding (HRIF)
- Q&A



## Overview



## THE CANADIAN ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS

The CAEH leads a national movement of individuals, organizations and communities working together to end homelessness in Canada.

caeh.ca



#### **Advocacy**

The CAEH advocates for the federal and provincial policy changes needed to end homelessness.



#### **Data & Policy**

Revolutionizing the way communities and governments use data to end homelessness.



#### **Allied Networks**

The CAEH supports several allied networks working toward our shared mission of ending homelessness.



#### National Conference on Ending Homelessness

Join us for the 2025 National Conference on Ending Homelessness, Oct 28-30, 2025 in Montreal

conference.caeh.ca



#### **Built for Zero Canada**

Helping a core group of leading communities end chronic and veteran homelessness.

bfzcanada.ca



#### Training & Technical Assistance

Helping communities and organizations end homelessness with expert training and technical assistance.

training.caeh.ca

## **Community Impact**





Foundation Building for strong real time data and knowledge base to support coordinated access to services



Reduce

Reduce Homelessness through ongoing improvement and innovation

Homelessness Reduction Innovation Funding 'FOR' Communities



Training, Consulting and Support Services for the sector

Encampment Services in Partnership with OrgCode



## Our approach to ending homelessness



Continuous improvement

Strong local leadership

Nimble command centre team & system for coordination

Real-time by name data

A shared measurable aim with a housing focus

Menu of proven technical strategies

Flexible housing & service resources



## **Re-imagining Community Support**

#### Moving Forward:

- What communities need, when they need it
- Direct access to additional Improvement Advisors (IAs)
- More nimble and dynamic response
- Support organized by present needs that changes as needs evolve
- Continue to drive reductions



## **How We Support Communities**

- Community of Practice Calls (CoPs)
- Learning Sessions In Person and Virtual (with Action Cycle Support)
- Coaching Calls
- Data Management Support tailored to each community
- Access to expert support through CAEH and its partners

- Exclusive access to the Change Package and all associated tools (e.g., Performance Management Tracker, Improvement Portfolio, Scorecards) and resources
- Exclusive access to the bi-weekly BFZ-C
   Updater Newsletter
- Training and Facilitation Supports
- Support to achieve any related federal and/or provincial requirements





## **Built for Zero Canada**



68 BFZ-C Communities

communities confirmed Basic Quality Data for Chronic Homelessness + 17 Veteran Quality Data

13
communities have had a reduction in chronic homelessness with 3 currently sustaining

38
communities have confirmed Coordinated Access

communities have confirmed functional zero for Chronic or Veteran homelessness

### **Advocacy**

homesnothandcuffs.ca







No matter what you like, where you come from, or how much money you earn, everyone deserves a safe, secure place to call home. As the cost of living soars, and with shelters full and often unsafe, too many of our neighbours are left with



#### Why We're Running a Campaign – What is at Stake



We see the potential use of the Notwithstanding Clause as a potentially lethal threat to the people we serve and an existential threat to our mission.

More at stake than Ontario – if Ontario proceeds, other governments will follow. We risk losing over a decade of progress. Huge implications for human rights in Canada.



#### Why We're Running a Campaign – What is Possible

#### The opportunity in front of us:

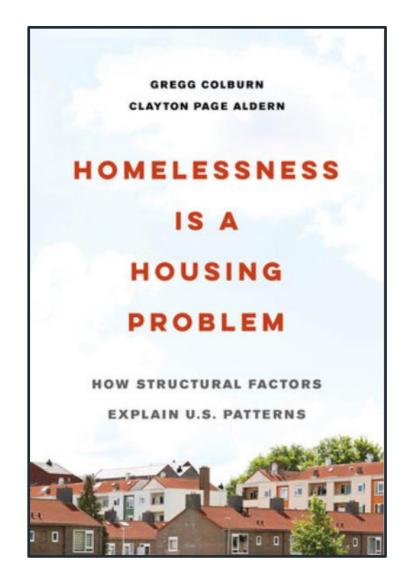
Window of opportunity – the Ontario legislature rises for the winter break mid December, an impending election in Ontario, and a current interest from the Ontario government on owning this issue (framed around public safety).

Knowing a campaign can work – the Ford government is responsive to public pressure. They poll extensively to understand where voters are at – public opinion matters to them and public pressure/mobilization works.





## Homelessness is a HOUSING problem



https://homelessnesshousingproblem.com/



Homelessness is not caused by mental illness or addiction – or any personal fault or failing.





# **Encampment Response Service**

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness and OrgCode Consulting have teamed up to provide encampment response and resolution for Canadian Communities.



#### Community-wide, tailored services to meet your unique needs.

#### Focus on:

- increasing your capacity
- helping you train and resource a local team to engage with encampment residents
- understand their needs
- build housing solutions with them in collaboration with community leaders

Read more <u>here</u>





# Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund (HRIF)

- The \$50 million Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund will support communities' efforts to make sustainable reductions in homelessness.
- Funds will be distributed via one-time grants to communities for targeted, data-informed projects that reduce homelessness aimed at preventing homelessness and/or accelerating moves to housing.
- Read more <u>here!</u>
- Expression of Interest and Application coming soon
  - make sure you're subscribed to our newsletter!



## Discussion and Q&A





#### **Thank You!**

Any questions contact: anna@caeh.ca

