



Network News

February 2026

“Ending homelessness requires more than policy; it requires relationships, trust, and community leadership.”

— National Alliance to End Homelessness (paraphrased from advocacy materials)



Shoal Harbour, NL

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

New Year, New Energy, Same Goals!

Welcome into the New Year! (We can still say that right?) We're so excited to enter this year off with new, revived energy towards our goals.

We've already kicked this year off with meetings and planning towards lots of training and education. There's so much to learn and room to grow. We want to be strategic and community lead as much as possible.

You may see us looking for your guidance and input more often and truly appreciate any feedback you're willing to share. We aim to offer capacity and relieve some work

load so Frontline and community supporting organizations can focus on what truly matters!

Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

Upcoming Virtual Mental Health First Aid Training

We are excited to be able to offer a **virtual** Mental Health First Aid training session!

From the Canadian Mental Health Association, we received the opportunity to host a valuable session that's accessible to those that may not have access to these in person courses.

Tuesday, March 3rd 2026

9:00am-4:00pm

via Zoom (link to be sent to registrants)

If you are interested in attending, please complete the below registration no later than *Monday, February 23rd 2026 at 4pm.*

Space is limited and is first come first serve!



[Register Here](#)

Training Needs Survey

We are looking to establish a regular training program and schedule of events (both virtual and in person) for education around the suggested Core Competencies in the Shelter Standards.

We know not everyone works in or with a shelter, but realize that these topics of education would likely apply to anyone working frontline and would benefit most people in the sector!

Please take a moment to complete the short survey below. It will capture information that will help us determine the priority items to offer and make various training and education more accessible to everyone!

[Complete Survey Here](#)

GOOD NEWS STORY

From Happy Valley-Goose Bay Housing and Homelessness Coalition

"What an incredible morning at our annual Pancake Breakfast! Once again, this event was a huge success thanks to the overwhelming support from our community.

We welcomed almost 350 people through the doors and raised approximately \$5,000, all of which will go directly toward housing initiatives in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. It was truly heartwarming to see so many people come out to socialize, connect, and support such an important cause.

A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers who always step up and work tirelessly to make this event possible, and to all of the organizations and businesses who contributed, donated, and supported the breakfast. Your generosity and community spirit mean more than we can say."



"Thank you as well to Mallory Harrigan for providing wonderful live entertainment and helping create such a warm, welcoming atmosphere for everyone who attended. Finally, thank you to everyone who came out, shared a meal, and helped make this event such a positive, inclusive, and community-building experience. We are so grateful for your continued support."

What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

Central Housing and Homelessness Network

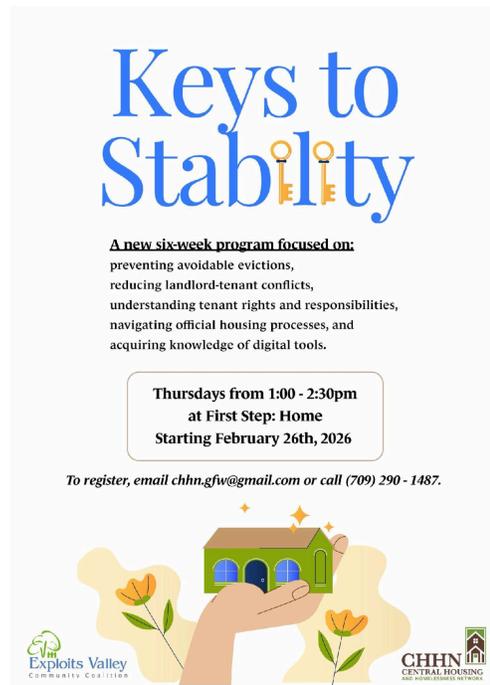
Introducing our new program: Keys to Stability

This brand new 6-week program will be focused on various housing and tenancy matters, such as understanding our rights and responsibilities as tenants, how we can best take care of our spaces, developing budgets, protecting ourselves in our tenancies, learning how to use digital tools, and more.

The group will take place on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:30pm, starting Thursday, February 26th.

Space is limited, so if you are interested in joining or have more questions, please reach out to our Housing Resource Coordinator by phone at 709-290-1487 or by email at chhn.gfw@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Keys to Stability

A new six-week program focused on:
preventing avoidable evictions,
reducing landlord-tenant conflicts,
understanding tenant rights and responsibilities,
navigating official housing processes, and
acquiring knowledge of digital tools.

**Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:30pm
at First Step: Home
Starting February 26th, 2026**

To register, email chhn.gfw@gmail.com or call (709) 290 - 1487.

Exploits Valley Community Coalition | CHHN CENTRAL HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES

The flyer features a central illustration of a hand holding a green house with a red roof, surrounded by yellow flowers. The title 'Keys to Stability' is at the top in blue, with two keys integrated into the word 'Stability'. The program details and contact information are in the middle, and logos for Exploits Valley Community Coalition and CHHN Central Housing and Homeless Services are at the bottom.

Community Housing Transformation Centre

The **Centre Knowledge Sharing Series** is a journey into the very best of Canadian community housing.

It explores proven models and highlights the people who make them possible, while offering practical tools, bold strategies, and inspiring stories that help organizations achieve their goals.

The series also builds the momentum needed to advance Canada's **20% sector growth target**.

Join our learning activities and explore our content to turn promising ideas into lasting impact from coast to coast to coast.



February 25th, 2026

1pm-2pm

Virtual Event

**Strengthening digital strategy,
amplifying sector impact: Lessons
from the Centre's practices**

[View more here](#)

March 26th, 2026

1pm-2pm

Virtual Event

**From mission to momentum: How
Rooted Built financial resilience
through growth and acquisition**

[View more here](#)



Community Housing
Transformation Centre

Centre de transformation
du logement communautaire

Now Recruiting Community Sector Employers ASCEND Spring 2026 Cohort



ASCEND is now accepting employer applications for the **Spring 2026 cohort!** This program connects youth (15–30) who are not currently in school or working with **meaningful, wage-subsidized placements in nonprofit organizations across NL, NS, PEI, and Nunavut.** Young participants complete **70 hours of pre-**

employment training before starting a **19–21 week placement** with their host employer.

As an employer, you'll receive:

- Access to motivated, pre-trained youth
- **100% wage subsidies (minimum wage + MERCs)**
- Ongoing support from the ASCEND team
- Option to **refer your own eligible youth** or be matched with a participant

 **Application deadline:** March 15, 2026

 **Pre-employment training begins:** March 30, 2026

This program is funded by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS).

[Apply TODAY to ASCEND](#)

Regional Representation

Network and Board Of Directors



Our Community Advisory Boards are always growing and changing and looking for fresh new perspectives from professionals, Living and Lived Experiences or Community Volunteers.

We have multiple areas that will be starting their recruiting process in the coming weeks and months. Now is the time to start thinking about if your experience or role may be of benefit to the housing and homeless sector in rural and remote NL.

Stay tuned for more details to come directly from the Community Advisory Boards themselves.

How can you help in addressing the challenges of housing & homelessness?

No matter how much you can afford to give, as a one-off donation, through regular giving, or by fundraising for charity, your donation matters. Every donation received adds up and helps charities get to work and make a positive difference.

[Donate](#)

March 2026 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is
Monday, March 10th, 2025 @ 4:00PM

What can you submit?

- Send us any information related to upcoming trainings, staff or volunteer highlights and shoutouts, programs, events, job postings, etc. that could be of interest to community organizations and their staff.

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit either images and/or text exactly as you would like it to be included
- Word count of 200 words or less
- Two images per entry such as logo or poster. Either PNG or JPG
- Between 480 - 650 pixel image width and file size less than 5MB
- We can not attach videos, PDF's, Word/Excel files

Submit entries via email to
outreachcoordinator@nlhhn.org

Or by filling out our new form!

[Newsletter Submissions](#)

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