



Network News

September 2026

"Regardless of your past, your tomorrow is a clean slate."

— Zig Ziglar



Burin Peninsula, NL
Photo courtesy of Johnaton Poulin

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

A New Season, New Opportunities

Welcome back! As we transition from summer into a new season, we are energized by the possibilities that lie ahead.

At the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and Homelessness Network, fall is a time to renew our commitment to working together to address housing challenges, reduce homelessness, and strengthen communities across our province.

We also want to take this opportunity to welcome Honourable Chris Tibbs, who was recently appointed Newfoundland and Labrador's Minister of Housing. We look forward to working with Minister Tibbs and the provincial government as we continue to advocate for effective housing solutions, increased affordability, and stronger supports for individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity.

Over the coming months, we look forward to connecting with our members, partners, service providers, advocates, and community leaders through new initiatives, learning opportunities, and collaborative conversations.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment, partnership, and dedication. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to working together to create positive change across our province.

Sherri Chippett
Executive Director

Moving Forward

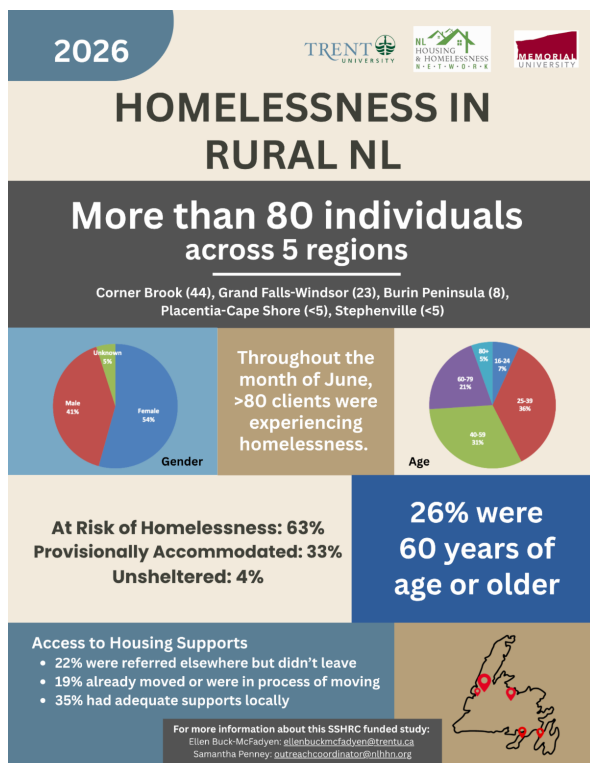
What's next for the NLHHN?

Mapping Rural Homelessness and Its Unique Features in Newfoundland and Labrador: A Mixed Methods Study - Phase 1 Findings

New Research: Homelessness in Rural Newfoundland & Labrador

What does homelessness look like in rural Newfoundland and Labrador?

Phase 1 of our mixed-methods study "Mapping Rural Homelessness and Its Unique Features in Newfoundland and Labrador" begins to answer that question by gathering information from service providers across rural and remote communities.



The findings highlight the often-hidden nature of rural homelessness and point to key challenges, including low incomes, high housing costs, limited access to housing and supports, and other factors contributing to housing instability.

The study identified more than 80 clients experiencing homelessness (according to the COH definition of homelessness)

Read the full report to learn more about what the research tells us —and what comes next.



Read the Phase One findings

Mapping Rural Homelessness and Its Unique Features in Newfoundland and Labrador: A Mixed Methods Study - Phase 2

You're invited to participate in Phase 2 of our research study "Mapping Rural Homelessness and Its Unique Features in Newfoundland and Labrador: A Mixed Methods Study".

In Phase 1 of the study, we collected survey data to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness across NL. Now we are moving into Phase 2, in which we'll conduct 1) interviews with people who have lived experience of homelessness and 2) focus groups with service providers who work with folks who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

We're reaching out because we're hoping you will join us for upcoming focus groups in Grand Falls-Windsor, Corner Brook and Stephenville. These focus groups are informal conversations to get a good idea of the realities that the numbers may suggest, or the realities that are left out of the data.

Seeking Research Participants

For a Study on Mapping Rural Homelessness and its Unique Features in Newfoundland and Labrador

Do you work with individuals that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?
We want to speak with you!

We are doing a study on housing and homelessness and want to hear about the local challenges and solutions for service providers in rural and remote NL.

You will be asked to share your experience during a small group discussion. It will take about 60-90 minutes and you will receive a \$10 gift card to thank you for your time.

For more information or to set up an interview, contact:

Ellen Buck-McFadyen (Principal Investigator)
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OR

Samantha Penney (Outreach Coordinator)
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This study was approved by Trent University's Research Ethics Board (#30361) and the NL Health Research Ethics Authority (HREA) (#2026-034). If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact the HREA (www.hrea.ca) at (709) 864-8871 or info@hrea.ca

Join us at the following times to take part in this conversation:

Monday, September 14th
12:00pm - 2:00pm

First Step Home, 83 King St., Grand Falls-Windsor

Thursday, September 17th
12:30pm - 2:30pm

CCHH Boardroom, Corner Brook

Friday, September 18th
11:00am - 1:00pm

L.S. Eddy Memorial Board Room, Stephenville

Refreshments will be provided and participants will be compensated for their time (\$10 gift card).

You do not have to of participated in Phase 1 in order to contribute to the conversations in Phase 2.

Please RSVP to Samantha Penney (outreachcoordinator@nlhnn.org) or Dr. Ellen Buck-McFadyen (ellenbuckmcfadyen@trentu.ca).

Shelter Standards Virtual Training Days:

Professional Development in the Non-Profit Sector

Registration is officially open for our next session in the Shelter Standards Virtual Training Days Series - Professional Development in the Non-Profit Sector.

Shelter Standards Virtual Training Day Series

Professional Development in the Non-Profit Sector

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 9:00 - 10:00** Professional Boundaries 101
- 10:00 - 10:45** Case Notes and Critical Incident Documentation
- 11:00-12:00** Compassion Fatigue and Burnout
- 12:30 1:00** Lunch & Learn: ATIPP 101
- 1:30 - 4:30** The Neurodivergent Professional



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Shelter Standards Virtual Training Day Series

Professional Development in the Non-Profit Sector

Thursday, September 24th

- 9:00 - 4:00** Motivational Interviewing
- *Break for lunch



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What: Professional Development in the Non-Profit Sector



When: September 23rd 9:00am-4:30pm and September 24th 9:00am-4:00pm



Where: Virtual - Teams Webinars



Cost: FREE

If you're looking to learn more about professional boundaries, proper documentation and critical incident reporting, taking care of yourself to show up better, the ATIPP process and Motivational Interviewing, this is for you!

To learn more, visit our website to see a full description of each session and to register.

More Details + Register Here:

Know someone in the sector that you think would benefit from these conversations? 🤔
Feel free to share this upcoming session with your network of community partners!

Save the Dates: More Shelter Standards Virtual Training Days!

In addition to our Professional Development Day, we have 3 more incredible topics to cover, based on frontline feedback!

Take a look at the upcoming schedule, mark your calendars and spread the word!

Shelter Standards Core Competencies

Upcoming Virtual Training Days

September 23rd & 24th
Professional Development

October 22nd
Complex Mental Health Supports

November 18th
Building Inclusive Shelter Environments



December 9th
Harm Reduction



What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

CMHA-NL - Free Mental Health First Aid and Assist Trainings

There will also be 2 virtual Mental Health First Aid classes offered under the Resiliency Project for communities affected by wildfires. These classes run from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Participants must be 18+ to attend.

Sept 24: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-first-aid-virtual-resilience-project-tickets-1997460160109?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Oct 19: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mental-health-first-aid-virtual-resilience-project-tickets-1997460300529?aff=oddttdtcreator>

There will also be two FREE ASIST trainings taking place in GFW and Gander.

The GFW ASIST is scheduled for Sept 28 and 29. Participants must be 16+ to attend and the link to register is here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/asist-grand-falls-windsor-resilience-project-tickets-1997610617130>

The ASIST for Gander will occur on October 7 & 8. Venue to be confirmed.

Visit their website at www.cmhanl.ca to find training events near you.

Take a look at the upcoming schedule, mark your calendars and spread the word!



Community Housing Transformation Centre: Upcoming Webinars

Join the CHTC in their upcoming webinars this season:

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET

[Buying what others can't see: Student Housing NS' acquisition strategy](#)

This webinar will share the experience of Student Housing Nova Scotia, a community housing provider that has successfully expanded its portfolio through a strategic approach to acquisitions. In a market where the best deals are not always publicly advertised, Student Housing Nova Scotia has developed practical methods to identify opportunities, negotiate effectively, compete for properties, and hold its own in a market dominated by private developers.

Our speaker is Mitchell Archibald, Executive Director of Student Housing Nova Scotia.

The session will be moderated by Amanda R. Knight, Program manager at the Centre.

REGISTER HERE

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026,

1:00 p.m. – 2 :00 p.m. ET

[Private investors are ready to invest in community housing. Are you ready?](#)

As community housing organizations take on ambitious development, acquisition, and retrofit projects, many are being asked to navigate a more complex financing landscape. While public investment remains essential to achieving deep affordability, today's projects often require multiple funding sources, including mission-aligned private investment capital.

This practical discussion with Lena Courcol, Director of acquisitions, and Garth Davis, Managing partner at New Market Funds, one of Canada's leading impact investment organizations, will delve into what community housing providers can do to prepare for new opportunities.

REGISTER HERE

Live interpretation into French will be available for both webinars.

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

Network Newsletter Submissions

As our newsletter will look different for the summer, should you have something you would like shared, please reach out to us directly!

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

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