

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

We utilized an Indigenized community-based engagement design for the Data Collection Framework + Recommendations for BC Strategy for Indigenous Peoples Experiencing Homelessness. We hired in-community co-researchers to lead the promotion and facilitation of engagement activities in their respective communities. Our approach was “by, for and with Indigenous Communities” as our way to honour Indigenous stories, experiences and solutions. For further details, read the full Engagement Summary at <https://www.ahma-bc.org/bcindigenoushomelessness>.



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Co-Researchers from diverse Indigenous identities



67

Interviews of people with living and lived experience



42

Participants in six discussion circles



130

Responses to the online survey



Thank you to our co-researchers and participants. We hope to honour your wisdom moving forward.

OUR TOP TAKEAWAYS: A few core ideas summarized from all the feedback received...

- Indigenous Peoples have significant experiences of **racism, stigmatization, social profiling and discrimination**.
- Indigenous Peoples are negatively impacted by **service systems that fail to care for and protect Indigenous Peoples** physically, emotionally, intersectionally and culturally.
- **Indigenous Peoples have mixed feelings** about their story and their journey to acquire housing.
- **Indigenous families** have unique and complex experiences and challenges, including the impossibility of securing housing as a single mother, experiencing homelessness when relationships end or while pregnant, and difficulties finding housing of an appropriate size.
- **Indigenous youth** have unique experiences and challenges, including poor transition programs, little to no access to supports, and precarity and insecurity in housing.
- **Temporary housing is dangerous and not culturally appropriate** for Indigenous Peoples
- Indigenous Peoples **need more housing and more affordable housing**.
- Indigenous Peoples **need more supports and access to culture**.
- Indigenous Peoples **need to feel safe** when accessing services.
- Indigenous Peoples continue to suffer from **the injustices and impacts of colonialism**.

The information collected through this research directly informs recommendations to the Steering Committee for them to consider in their report to the province.