



# Approaches to Research

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# Strengths-Based Approach to Homelessness Research

To help address the gap in the cultural relevancy of services, this innovative community-driven research project conceptually shifts the focus away from 'homelessness' –defined as the usual status quo that results in funding flowing to the governmental service providers for the same services– to Indigenous understandings about **building a community-based sense of home**. The original idea for this is rooted in Haudenosaunee Indigenous Knowledge and stems from an understanding about building a community-based sense of home. This idea is rooted in an even older understanding that refer to a deep and unconditionally safe sense of home.

# Community-Driven Approach



In a community-driven research model, communities have full control over:

- research priorities
- research processes
- resources
- methodologies
- decision-making
- any actions coming out of research



# USAI-Principled Approaches



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