

REST and 360⁰ kids Joint Presentation

Title:

Equity in Action: Innovative Solutions for BIPOC Youth Homelessness

Session: Improving Equity in Homeless Systems – IEH

Being Agents of Change for Equity Seeking Groups - (SI)

Wed, November 08

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

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Introduction



Intro: Equitable Programs, Cultural sensitivity, Colonial Oppression, Racialization, Intergenerational Impact and Cultural Factors etc.



Presentation Purpose:

Addressing Youth Homelessness
Cultural Sensitivity
Equitable Programs



Presentation Goal:

Share Solutions:
Drive Equity Actions &
Resources to Eliminate Black
Youth Homelessness



REST's Initiatives:

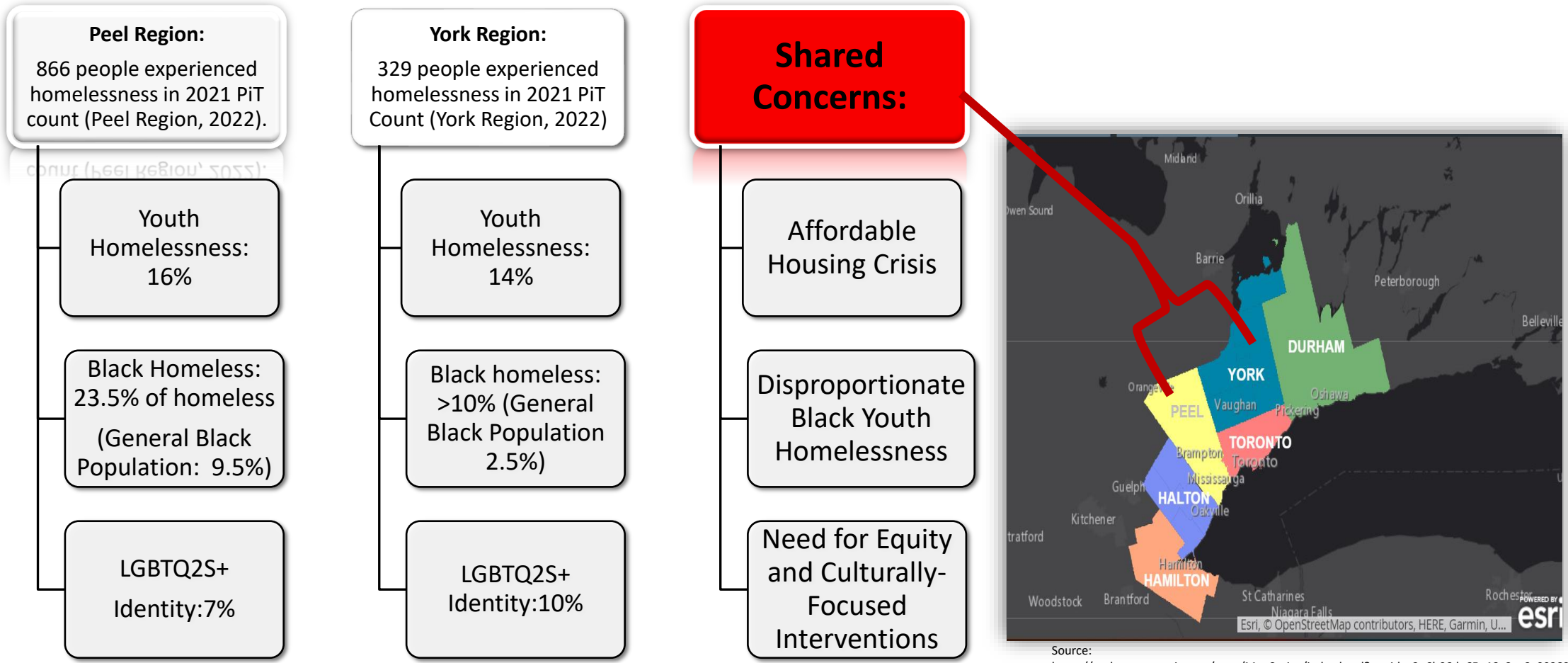
Bridge of Hope
Bare Necessities
HERO
Skill Development



360°kids Program:

Culturally Tailored
Support
Affordable Housing for
Black Youth

Overview- Evidence-based from Peel and York Regions



Source: <https://york.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=c3e6b06da65e46e2aa3c00383f808318>

REST: Unique Challenge of Black Youth Homelessness

- ❑ Black people form approximately 75% of our client base, whilst 6% identifies as Indigenous.
- ❑ 77% of our clients are female and 19% male
- ❑ 89% of our clients are aged between 18-24, with 7% aged 16-17.
- ❑ 35% are unemployed
- ❑ 41% earn less than \$10k per annum
- ❑ 46% of our clients have been unemployed for over 1 year.
- ❑ 45% of our clients are in high school and 42% are in post-secondary education.



SHELTER DIGNITY



360°
kids

Surrounding kids
in crisis with care

REST Centres' Model and Performance

Bridge of Hope Program

- 94 active clients in 2022
 - An increase of 53% from 2021
- 18 provided with starter pack

1. Shelter:

Bridge of Hope

Transitional Housing
Applicant Assistance
Eviction Prevention
Landlord Training & Support

2. Living:

Bare Necessities Program

Rent Subsidy
Food Subsidy
Household Starter Packs

Bare Necessities

Emergency grocery program

- Supported 219 clients in 2022
 - An increase of 14% from 2021

3. Healing:

H.E.R.O

Physical Health
Mental Health
Emotional Health

Growing:

L.I.F.E

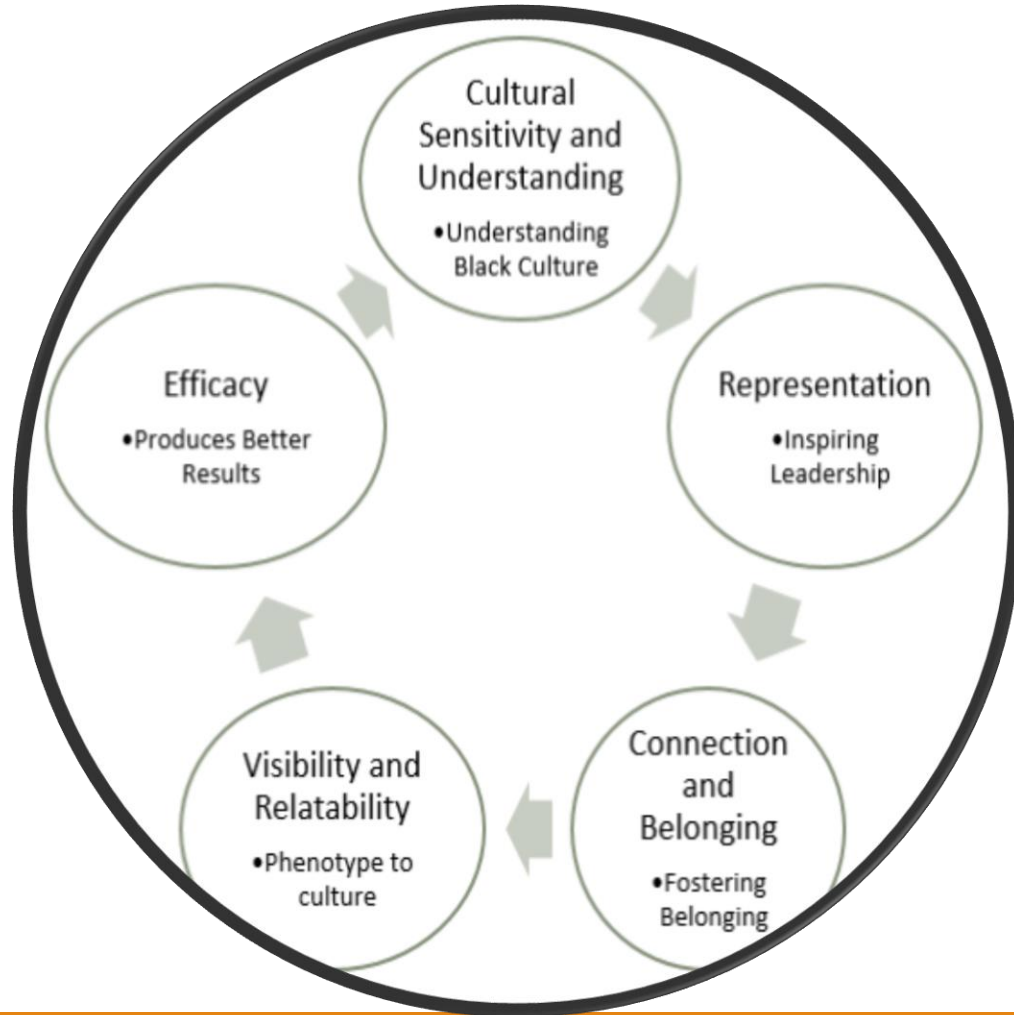
Tenant Education & Support
Financial Literacy
Home Economics
Employment Support

Mental health:

- 20 Clients consistently supported in 2022
- 62 individual counseling sessions held.

- 78 clients completed 15 types of programs.
 - An increase of 105% from 2021

Reality of Being Black-Focus

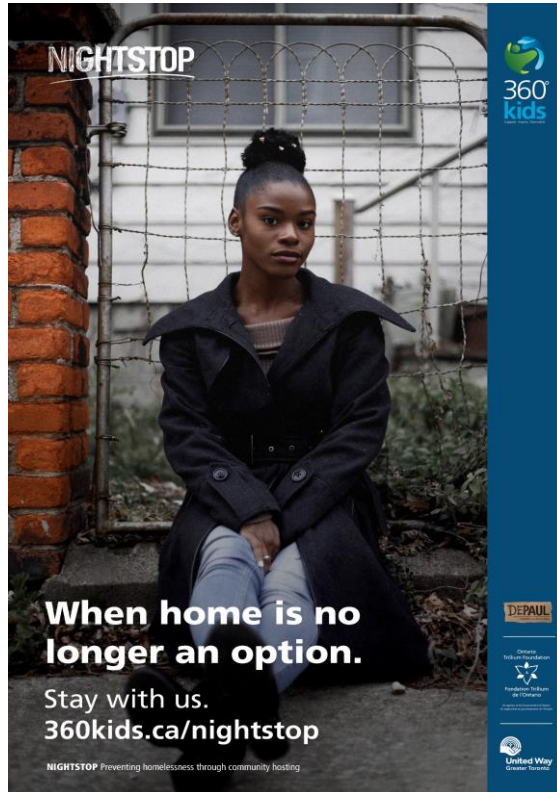


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Slide 4: 360°kids 4 Pillars of Support



Slide 4: 360°kids' Housing Program



Nightstop

- Nightstop
- Connections Emergency Housing
- SHINE Youth Housing
- HOPE anti-Human Trafficking Housing
- Supportive Transitional Apartments for Youth (STAY)
- Transitions Apartments



Transitions Program

Slide 5: 360°kids' Black Youth Housing Program



Black Youth Housing

- Purpose
- Advisory Group
- Staff Development
- Location
- Research Consultant
- Development of Housing Model

Tools and Tips for Action

1.

Prioritize and promote diversity, equity, and inclusiveness.

2.

Hire staff with lived experiences.

3.

Collect informative data.

4.

Recognize unique challenges.

5.

Develop strategic housing solutions and further explore identity specific housing

6.

Support young organizations.

Q&A

**We welcome your
questions and insights.**

Questions for Discussion

- Building upon the models discussed, are there any potential strategies or approaches that you believe could enhance our collective efforts to address Black youth homelessness?
- Share your insights working with black youth particularly, related to the presentation to further inform our innovative solutions?
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion;
 - Risk; and
 - Any other related issues.

Thank You

**We appreciate your attention
and
engagement.**

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