# CHOICES FORYOUTH OUR NUMBERS NEED TO GO DOWN

**Systems Change for Prevention in Rural Newfoundland and Labrador** 



- Founded in 1990 after the Mr. Cashel closure
- Non-profit, registered charity
- Professional services agency

- 1600+ youth served annually
- 130+ staff members
- Multiple service, programming and housing sites

Through innovative programming and social enterprises, we help youth and emerging adults secure stable housing, education and employment, while working toward family stability and better health. HOUSING EMPLOYMENT FAMILY HEALTH



## **MIGRATION AND PREVENTION**

 Client numbers rising (800 in 2014, 1600 in 2018) 3 prevention challenges/opportunities for CEY Geography • Age Acuity



### **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR: CONTEXT**

•525,000 people, 50% around St. John's Rural population highly distributed Innu, Inuit and **Mi'kmaq communities** and governments Services concentrated in St. John's



### RURAL AND REMOTE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSES IN NL

 1 Emergency shelter outside of St. John's (Happy Valley-Goose Bay) Some emergency-access units Transition Houses Minimal supportive housing Regional housing support workers Local community coalitions & religious orgs



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All-party Committee On Mental Health And Addictions
Educational Outcomes Task Force
New Child Welfare Legislation
Housing And Homelessness Plan



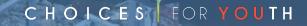
**OUR DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**  Early consultations – from the ballroom to the back deck Deep dives into service integration (with government partners) Statement of principles Developing a model Forming local teams Adopting and adapting CHOICES

### **OUR TEAMS** CHOICES Municipalities Health authorities Government departments Indigenous governments & organizations Community agencies



### NEXT STEPS

Combining local work into a joint proposal
Engaging with major funders
Negotiating scale and roll-out
Policy work and systems change





"We Are Ready" report: <u>www.choicesforyouth.ca/expansion</u> Statement of Principles: <u>www.choicesforyouth.ca/principles</u>

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