

Youth Employment and Ending Youth Homelessness



Realities for Youth

- 63% past or current involvement Child Youth Family Services
- 67% unstable housing in family or origin
- 66% currently have unstable housing experiences
- 82% dropped out of school
- 75% mental health issues
- 67% co-occurring mental health and addictions
- 74% addictions issues
- 72% unemployed or have never been employed
- 75% past or current involvement with the criminal justice system
- 69% repeat use of shelter (recurring homelessness)

Housing Lessons for Employment Programs



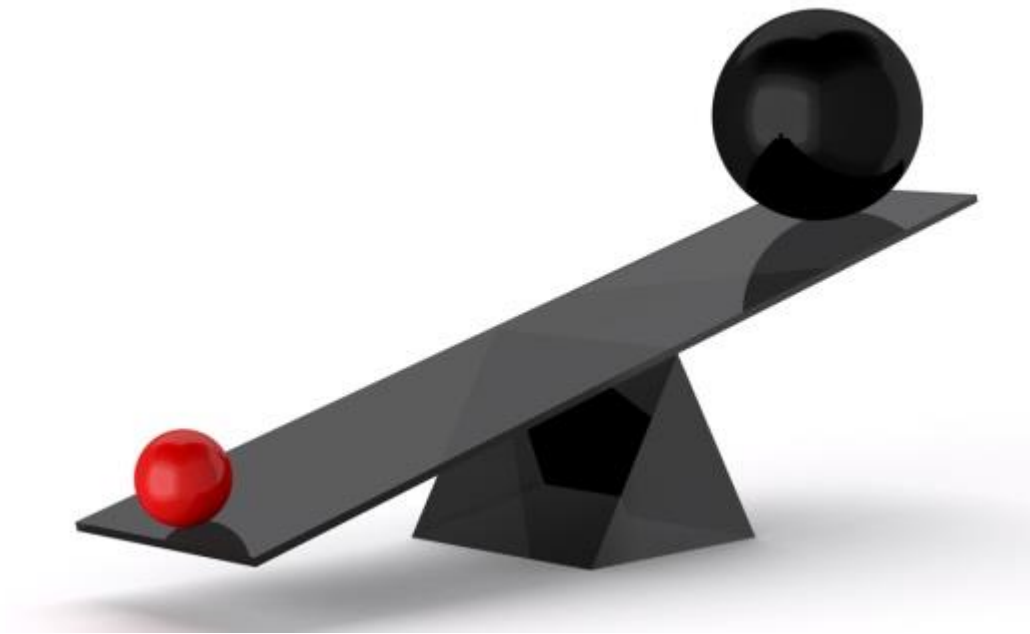
Housing
Employment
Training
Education

Intensive
models of
support around
barriers and
issues

Increased
youth
engagement

Increased
housing
options and
stability

Program Design or Youth Readiness??



Jumpstart Pre-employment Program

- 15 weeks of programming focused on:
 - personal development
 - food preparation
 - basic repairs and maintenance
 - peer education model
- 3 days per week
- Employer engagement
- Built around activities that we as an agency were going to do anyway

Impact Construction – Building What Matters (formerly Train for Trades)

- Energy retrofits to NL Housing units (300 completed to date)
- Modernization and improvement of NL Housing units (10)
- New affordable housing units (14 completed, 6 in progress)
- Major renovation to office building for CFY
- Private contracts

- Interventions/supports include:
 - Physical and mental health
 - Justice system
 - Conflict resolution
 - Poverty related (food security, income)
 - Housing/homelessness
 - Child protection systems
 - Medication maintenance
 - Educational requirements and supports
 - Connection with ICM teams
 - Addictions support (methadone support)

SIMPLE MATH TEST

43

169



3

$2 \neq 4$

90%

32

$y=x$