



# Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) 2014-15 to 2015-16

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy is designed with the aim of preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to communities across Canada. As of 2014-15, the program shifted to a Housing First approach that focuses on stable housing as a priority for those experiencing chronic or episodic homelessness.

## KEY FINDINGS



The program contributed to preventing and reducing homelessness in Canada:

- ▶ The program surpassed its target of placing 3,000 people in longer-term stable housing with **over 6,000** people being placed in stable housing in 2015-16.
- ▶ **Over 10,000** non-Housing First clients also received housing placements in 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- ▶ Fully, **73% of clients** were placed in stable housing **within 90 days**, and 77% of those continuing to receive services were in stable housing after 6 months in 2015-16.



The program contributed towards increasing financial stability and self-sufficiency of homeless clients in 2014-15 and 2015-16:

- ▶ **4,500** clients experienced an improvement in their employment status;
- ▶ **3,400** clients started a job training program; and
- ▶ **2,600** clients started an educational program.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1** Extend Housing First interventions to a greater proportion of the homeless population;
- 2** Further promote the participation of diverse groups on Community Advisory Boards; and
- 3** Reduce the burden on communities to gather the necessary information to monitor and measure performance.

The full Homelessness Partnering Strategy Evaluation is available on Employment and Social Development Canada's website.

