



CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION



*Kamloops Homelessness Action Plan, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2013*

# HAP Newsletter October 2013

## Progress on the path towards ending homelessness!

Partnerships amongst stakeholders are key to ending homelessness, and we are pleased to see partnerships growing in Kamloops, across the Province, and across Canada. The following is an overview of some key partnerships and the work they are doing, more at [kamloopshap.ca](http://kamloopshap.ca)

### Homelessness Action Week 2013

- Funding provided by the *Kamloops Working Group on Homelessness* with additional support from *United Way, the City of Kamloops, & the Paramount Landmark Theatre.*
- Over 25 community agencies are working together to provide
  - Free Night of Film & Discussion** Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00pm  
Paramount Landmark Theatre 503 Victoria Street  
Presenting 3 short films & discussion
  - Project Homeless Connect** Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon - 5:00pm  
Spirit Square, North Shore, McKenzie & Yew  
Connecting homeless & at-risk people with



### Life Skills Development Project

- Funding provided by *United Way, the City of Kamloops* through the *Homelessness Partnering Strategy, the Vancouver Foundation, and Tech Highland Valley*
- The *Life Skills Network* is made up of over 18 front-line workers from community agencies providing training to at risk individuals and families
- **My Place** will be the drop-in life skills training series focused on housing that results from the *Life Skills Network's* year of research & evaluation of local life skills training opportunities
- The training series is open to anyone beginning in late October 2013
- for more information contact Claire Macleod, HAP Life Skills Coordinator  
email [lifeskills@kamloopshap.ca](mailto:lifeskills@kamloopshap.ca) tel.250.320.7945

### [ewaykamloops.ca](http://ewaykamloops.ca)



- Funding & support provided by *United Way* and the HAP
- Over 45 community agencies and organizations in Kamloops have come together to share their program information at this one-stop online hub for support services related to homelessness
- Anyone can search online by agency or program type to find services related to the HAP focus areas of Housing, Supports, and Financial Independence
- Entries are updated by the program providers on a real-time basis
- For more information email [info@kamloopshap.ca](mailto:info@kamloopshap.ca) tel.250.571.9665



## HAP Leadership Council

- Ongoing meetings of the cross sector, volunteer Leadership Council to discuss action on policy issues related to affordable housing and homelessness
- Presentation to the *Federal Finance Committee* 2012 requesting a national tax incentive to promote the creation of private market rental housing
- Summer 2013 roundtable discussion with the Honourable Minister Candice Bergen, Minister of State for Social Development, to discuss the issues of homelessness
- For more information email [info@kamloopshap.ca](mailto:info@kamloopshap.ca) tel.250.571.9665

## Kamloops Housing Board

- Funding provided by the *City of Kamloops*
- Local volunteer community advisory board representing 14 groups from all sectors affecting local affordable housing
- *Kamloops Affordable Housing Needs Assessment* completed in 2013
- Developers' Forum on affordable housing scheduled for November 14 2013
- For more information email [info@kamloopshap.ca](mailto:info@kamloopshap.ca) tel.250.571.9665



## No Straight Lines

- Funding provided by *Thompson Rivers University & United Way*
- A unique theatre-based collective creation project discussing the issues of homelessness
- Live performance summer 2014
- Partnership between *Thompson Rivers University Theatre Faculty, United Way, the HAP, White Buffalo Aboriginal Health Centre, ASK Wellness, Kamloops Arts Council Board Members, Jubilee Urban Movement Partners, Elizabeth Fry Society, Canadian Mental Health Association* and concerned citizens from the community
- For more information email [info@kamloopshap.ca](mailto:info@kamloopshap.ca) tel.250.571.9665

## Kamloops Rent Bank

- A community partnership project supported by the *Elizabeth Fry Society, United Way, Kamloops Foundation, the Kelson Group, Stollery Foundation the City of Kamloops, and the Interior Savings Credit Union*
- Provides emergency low interest loans to people who are facing eviction from their rental housing or having their utilities cut off
- For further information about Rent Bank loans contact Janet Bakke at the Elizabeth Fry Society, email [advocate2@kamloopsefry.com](mailto:advocate2@kamloopsefry.com) tel. 250.374.2119



## Kamloops Working Group on Homelessness

- Providing a venue for partnership across sectors working with the City of Kamloops for the distribution of federal *Homelessness Partnering Strategy* funds
- Working with *Eva's Initiatives'* national project; *Mobilizing Local Capacity to End Youth Homelessness*, and the national *Learning Community* to find solutions to youth homelessness
- For more information contact Carmin Mazzotta, Project Manager Housing & Homelessness, City of Kamloops, email [cmazzotta@kamloops.ca](mailto:cmazzotta@kamloops.ca) tel. 250.828.3728

