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RESEARCH PROJECT SUMMARY

Prairie Research Centre

Name of Project:

A scoping study of two spirit people, homelessness and access to services in urban centres in Saskatchewan and beyond

Research Start-up Summary and Abstract:

There is a growing population of homeless Aboriginal peoples in Saskatchewan, and the lack of research on Aboriginal two spirit peoples – a demographic that community organizations have reported has been largely ignored in homelessness research. The homeless population faces a number of different challenges and barriers when accessing housing services than non-Aboriginal, heterosexual and cisgender counterparts. Further, systemic barriers like racism, homophobia, and transphobia that exist within institutions that provide housing services may lead to re-victimization of Indigenous two-spirit people, placing this group at high risk.

Engagement objectives:

The final report for this project will take the form of a written document and educational materials which will include a one pager for service providers, a briefing memo for policy makers, a community press release and a template for community presentations on this topic.

Research Questions:

How does homelessness impact two-spirit/queer Aboriginal people in urban centres in Saskatchewan? And, How can service providers and educators improve access to homeless two-spirit/queer Aboriginal people?

Collaborating Friendship Centre and/or other urban Aboriginal organization:

Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc.
Out Saskatoon, Prince Albert Q-Network
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