



Youth Homelessness Prevention Leadership Action Brief

To better support youth in preventing homelessness, we designed a plan, a “roadmap,” to build and use information across Canada. Our goal is to connect governments, communities, and researchers to information to support prevention. See more on the roadmap on our [website](#).

Find immediate actions youth homelessness prevention leadership can take below.

Who would lead this work?

Groups leading initiatives around youth homelessness prevention. For example, Making the Shift, A Way Home Canada, and Canadian Observatory on Homelessness.

What to do!

Share prevention findings, promote prevention strategies, build future research and development, encourage data improvement, and connect people around prevention.

Immediate actions

- 1. Share data and information on youth homelessness prevention. Promote, support, and expand effective solutions as they are identified.*
- 2. Support sharing on how to engage communities around youth homelessness prevention, collaborate for prevention, ethically collect data for prevention, and research and evaluate prevention.*
- 3. Support relationships around prevention. Help connect teams pursuing prevention solutions. Let people know about the opportunities to pursue future prevention work.*

Actions on the horizon

1. *Help fund future youth homelessness prevention research. Work to build funding calls and connect groups with similar goals for projects. Develop the future centre to fund prevention-support research after Making the Shift.*
2. *Help fund initiatives that support prevention and research with data. Priorities are:*
 - *Prevention before homelessness happens*
 - *Collaborative solutions for prevention*
 - *Youth shelter and housing later for prevention*
 - *Using existing administrative data to inform systems solutions*
3. *Continue to support improvements in youth data collection that informs prevention. Support efforts to:*
 - *Improve data ethics*
 - *Build community engagement in data collection*
 - *Collect minimal data while building youth's trust*
 - *Streamline data collection*
4. *Support developing community-engaged, evidence-based common questions that inform prevention efforts.*

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