



Beyond Bricks and Mortar Webinar Series:

Lessons Learned in Providing Culturally Safe Women-Centred Housing Operations

Thank you for joining the Lessons Learned in Providing Culturally Safe Women-Centred Housing Operations webinar! Below are some resources to accompany the training:

- [BCSTH Cedar Blankets Website and Resources](#)

Cedar Blankets: Building Wraparound Supports & Reducing Barriers for Indigenous Women and Children to Transition Houses and Safe Homes is a 5-year project funded by Women and Gender Equality Canada is aimed at reducing barriers for Indigenous women and their children accessing transition houses and safe homes.

- [BCSTH: Increasing Access for Indigenous Women Online Course](#)

This training course is intended to provide staff and managers at transition houses, second stage houses and safe homes in BC with tools to increase access to services for Indigenous women and their families who are seeking safety from violence.

- [AMHA: Indigenizing Housing - A Guide to Providing Culturally Appropriate Housing for Aboriginal Communities in British Columbia](#)

The purpose of this guide is to provide ideas for consideration when planning, designing, and operating social housing for Aboriginal tenants. The guide is meant to be used as a supplement to BC Housing's Design Guidelines and Construction Standards (2012). The document poses the questions: "What are Aboriginal CBOs in British Columbia doing to meet the unique needs of their Aboriginal tenants?" and "What does culturally appropriate off-reserve Aboriginal social housing in British Columbia look like?"

- [Investing in Saving Lives: Designing Second-Stage Women's Shelters on First Nation Reserves](#)

This article documents the need for safe, nurturing, and culturally appropriate second-stage shelters for Indigenous women and their families to heal and rebuild. The authors provide two second-stage prototype designs based on domestic environmental analysis and concepts of houselessness, home, and co-housing.

[Clan Mothers Healing Village: Lived Experience Leadership](#)

This website explains the importance of Lived Experience Leadership and engaging the voices of individuals who have direct experiences with sexual exploitation and trafficking. Lived Experience Leadership is central to the development of Clan Mothers Healing Village which is a Healing Village and Knowledge Centre and includes living quarters, meeting and healing spaces, and social enterprise facilities.

[Indigenizing Supportive Housing: Balanced Supply of Housing](#)

This research project asks, “How can we better support Indigenous people in supportive housing?” and goes into the importance of differing from provincial supportive housing models, the dual model of housing care integrates cultural support and decolonized harm reduction into housing and service provision; both integral components of pathways toward housing, health and healing for the Indigenous Street Community (ISC).

[Making a House a Home: Indigenous Engagement and Housing Design in BC](#)

This summary report provides a series of best practices for engaging Indigenous communities in housing design. Using survey feedback, guiding principles for working with Indigenous communities on housing, including specific engagement methods and housing design criteria, are offered.

Remember that BCSTH Members have access to helpful operations resources in the BCSTH Member portal.

If you have any questions or would like to share a resource with the BCSTH Membership, please email, Jess at jessicagoerzen@gmail.com