

Nelson's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

An Audio Documentary

Introduction: During the recent pandemic, vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness were impacted severely. Nelson responded by implementing a camp based on the housing first model in the summer months to support this population.

Objective: To increase awareness of people living on the margins of society and reduce stigma related to homelessness.

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Recommendations:

Students in 2021 can review the response to the camp from the perspective of users, supporters and the broader community to identify how to support vulnerable populations in the future.

Actions/ Process:

- Identify key people involved in the camp.
- Using semi-structured interview techniques, interview and record people who lived in the camp, people who worked in the camp, and community leaders influential in starting the camp.
- Listen to the audio and note themes that emerge.
- Write and record an audio documentary highlighting the camp.
- Make the documentary accessible by approaching local media and community service organizations to host the audio.