

Trail Poverty Navigation Tool: Surviving to Thriving

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PURPOSE:

To assist in developing a community of practice, to unite and train community members on how to break down barriers, assist in poverty reduction, and refer clients to appropriate resources

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BACKGROUND:

To build unity among Trail's service providers, a navigator initiative is being piloted. Aiming to reduce marginalized individuals falling between the cracks. Efforts are also being put in to develop a community of practice, where service providers can share knowledge.

RESULTS:

An evaluation form has been created, and will be used on a long-term basis. Results will be discussed in community of practice meetings.

METHODS & MATERIALS:

- **Poverty Navigation Workshops**
- **Reviewing the literature on communities of practice**
- **Evaluating the effectiveness of the workshop on the community**
- **Development of an informative brochure outlining the purpose and benefits of a community of practice.**

CONCLUSION:

Working alongside our field guides and key participants from various organizations that work with low-income individuals/families in the Trail area has shown us the gaps and barriers that exist, as well as the supports that they provide. We hope that working on this project will assist in closing the gaps, identifying and overcoming barriers, as well as dissemination the poverty navigation tool. Also, working towards developing a strong community of practice to better serve Trail's impoverished population.

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