

The Homelessness Project

Background:

Homelessness is an issue that affects much of the population including men, women, and children. People become homeless for many reasons such as lack of social support, mental illness, substance abuse, and a history of poverty.

Questions asked:

- 1) What are some of the good things & the bad things that are happening in your life right now?
- 2) How have things changed since the last time we spoke/ met?
- 3) Can you tell me about a typical day in your life?
- 4) What was the best conversation or interaction you've had in the last week?

Mental Illness



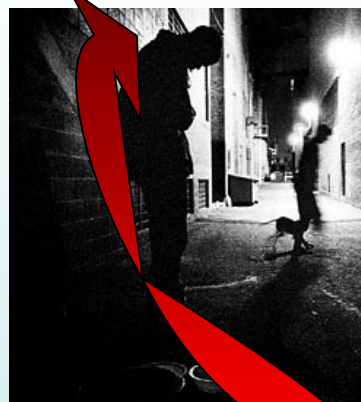
Lack of Affordable Housing



Methods:

During this research project contribution we were responsible for transcribing 100 interviews with various homeless people in the Lower Mainland. Most of the participants came from similar life circumstances. The major issues include substance abuse and impoverished family environments. The participants were interviewed on at least three separate occasions to monitor their progression.

Evictions



Addictions



Results:

The results from this study will be used by different researchers for various purposes. This study is still in progress. The participants are all currently receiving rehabilitation services. In addition, the participants all receive a \$25 food voucher as an incentive for taking part in this study.

Poverty



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