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Close the gap on the Digital Divide, for safer sheltered neighbours

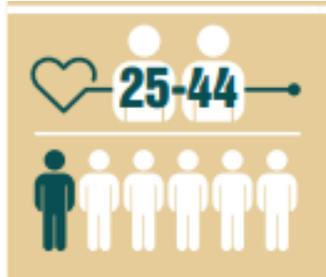
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An estimated 23% of individuals experiencing homelessness in Peel is in part due to an illness or medical condition.

Increase Supportive Housing

Most deaths due to opioid toxicity since 2017 were among adults aged 25-44 years.



Of those, 1 in 6 were individuals experiencing homelessness.



Peel CSWB 2022 Update

Five Strategies to Achieve our Outcomes

Immediate Actions and Longer-Term Fundamental Changes

STRATEGY 1

Transform Service

Transform the delivery of programming through the creation of a new service model to prevent homelessness, divert people from shelters and match people with the right service.

The current service model focuses largely on the Centralized Wait List and determining eligibility. Transformation will focus on better assessing clients' needs and triaging those who are high priority with the right service in a timely manner.

Technology will be critical as this type of service coordination requires increased ability for various programs internal and external to the Region, to share information. Initiatives such as coordinated intake will be helpful in working with partners to better support people transitioning from provincially-funded systems to avoid homelessness.

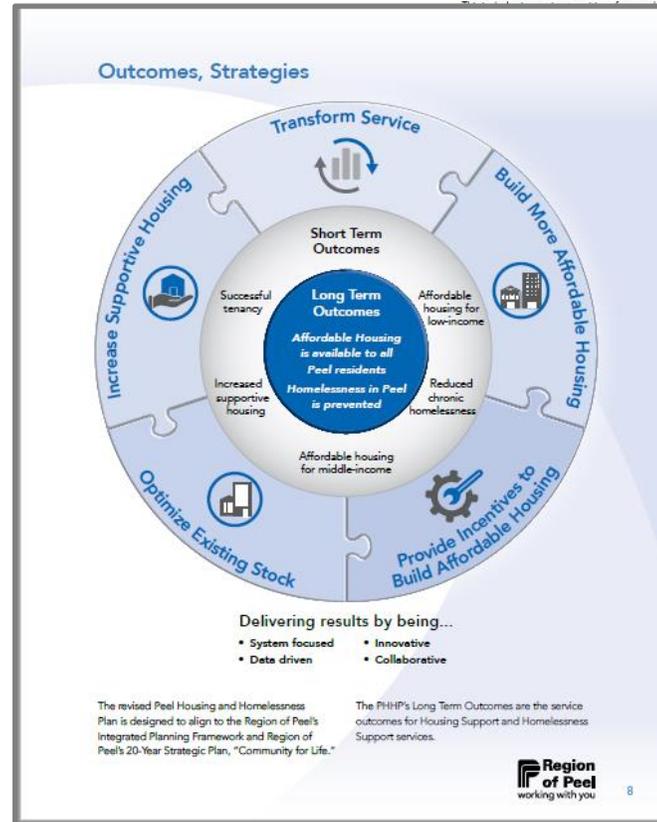


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“Technology will be critical”

PPAG suggests:

Address the digital divide by equipping clients with tools they require to access digital supports for housing, health, education and jobs.

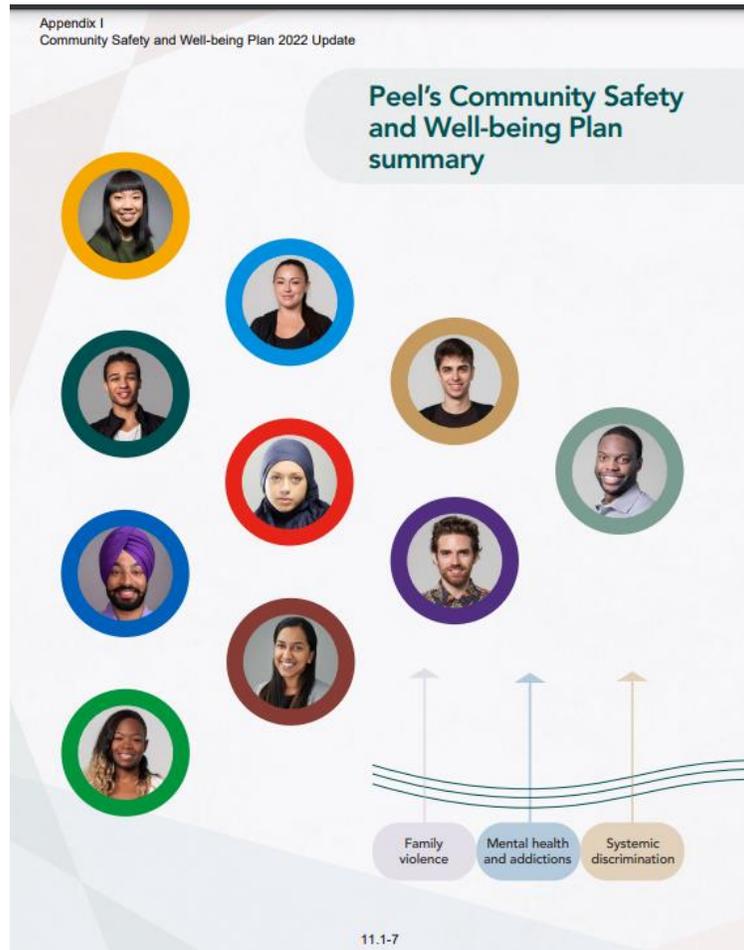


...Plans change when there is no more time to wait ... for explicit homelessness priority in policy docs

- **Ahead of PPAG monthly meeting to undertake its Letter of Support, this Member joins with Peel Alliance to End Homelessness in support of Peel Region staff report, Item13.2: “Enhancing supports for street homelessness”.**
- **On behalf of our PPAG members, Peel Region Council is urged to approve, as recommended by staff, the temporary solutions to enhance supports in Mississauga and around the Wilkinson shelter in Brampton, while the new place-based program is designed for implementation in 2024.**
- **In creating the place-based program, our PPAG members request that staff robustly consult with persons experiencing homelessness on how best to resolve their individual digital divide that is a barrier to achieve safety, connectedness and well-being promised to them under the Peel Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.**



Agenda Item 11.1: Peel Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2022 Update



Goal

Create and strengthen Peel's pathways to safety.

Vision

Peel is a safe, inclusive and connected community where all residents thrive.

Mission

We will work together to ensure access to services and supports that advance safety, connectedness and well-being for all Peel residents.

Agenda Item 7.4: Tech4All Program promotes Digital Equity for Education and Employment: a connected community where residents can be safe and inclusive

Tech4All Program is a working model for resilience, that invites Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR).

TECH4ALL PROGRAM

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#LGTTechCollect
#LGTTechSponsor



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ACTION GROUP

Tech4All Hub - The Impact “Computer Hub Shelter”

March 2023

- 8 computer donated from an organization in the community was repurposed and placed in a shelter that housed over 200 residents, many of them single moms with young children who could not afford to travel or easily travel with children
- **Update:** we are building a community of residents to support the learning



Social Capital:

- Bonding
- Bridging
- Linking

Tech4All Hub - The Impact

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

- 1:49pm - application came in
- Job Developer helped them connect to Rogers Connected for Success with LGT code. Appt confirmed.
- Client got help doing taxes
- 3:05pm - client given computer to take home

Note: refurbisher is not in IT





PPAG: Social Capital Resilience

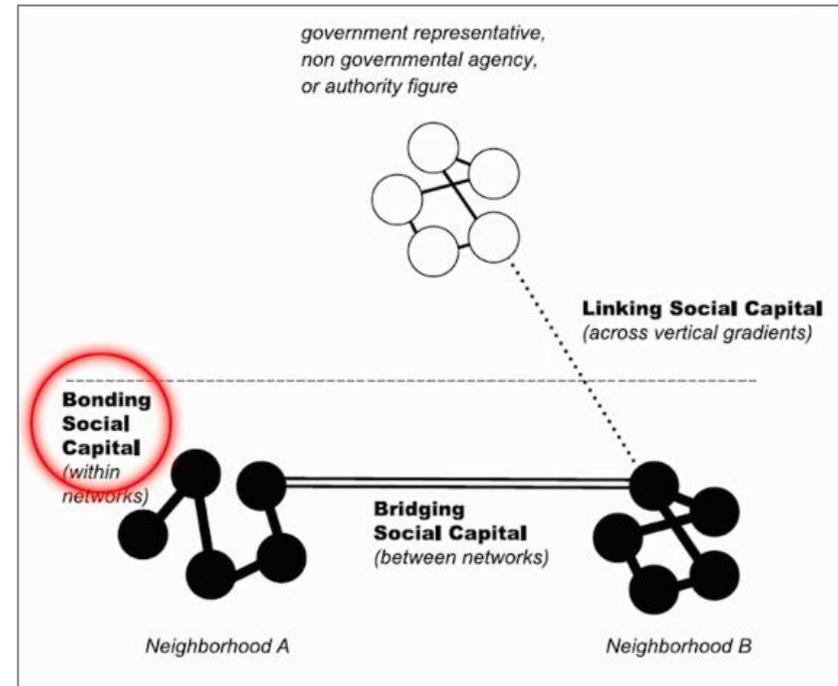
To mitigate and adapt to crisis events CBPR ↔ Social Capital Resilience

“A disaster is a chance to rebuild in new ways.”

Dr. Daniel P. Aldrich. Professor and Director
Security and Resilience Studies Program
Northeastern University, Dept. of Political Science



“Social capital ... most quickly led to recovery, no matter how poor the community.” Aldrich saw in crude disaster response camps that the strongest key to resilience is social connection.”



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As of 2018, Aldrich’s team studied disaster zones to assess damage and monitor recovery, including 2005 Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans; the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killing nearly 250,000; the 1995 Kobe earthquake and 1923 Tokyo earthquake.

Social Capital has three components

- **Bonding**: ties within family + friend networks
- **Bridging**: ties to networks in sports, faiths, culture, polity
- **Linking**: ties to governance structures and decision makers to predictably shape public policy, budgets and economy.

LDI | *Issue Brief*

Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics
Volume 18, Issue 5, April 2013

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Jasmine A. McDonald, PhD

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Cancer Epidemiology,
Columbia University*

“Active community participation in research is being recognized as essential to improving health outcomes in diverse populations.”

Community-based participatory research (CBPR):

- acknowledges community as the primary unit of identity
- enhances and builds on community’s existing strengths
- fosters collaborative relationships between academic institutions and community partners throughout the entire research process.

Key Value of CBPR:

Community stakeholders engage in all phases of CBPR.

CBPR impact:

Knowledge gained translates into a next specific action.

Key Goal of CBPR:

Enhance a community’s ability to address important health issues in development of effective intervention, which can be maintained and sustained over time.

A community charter to enhance the international student experience in Peel and enhance Community Safety & Well-being

A call to action for a “whole of community” approach

Sheridan

How can you help?



- Endorse the charter
- Partner in advocacy and accountability
- Align the Charter with the Peel Safety and Well-being Table



Help promote online engagement process.

<https://www.sheridancollege.ca/about/administration-governance/institutional-plans/brampton-charter-international-student-experience>

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Summit Lessons to Inform the Charter

<p>Priorities and Values Students should be welcomed, valued, and understood, and their health and well-being prioritized</p>	<p>Providing Support Keep micro, meso and macro levels of need and support in mind when addressing student issues</p>	<p>Establishing Trust Build trust with the international student community</p>
<p>Listening Listen to student experiences and address the root of the problem</p>	<p>Collaboration Collaboration with community partners and MPs, MPPs and City Councillors is important</p>	<p>Student Experience International students' resilience, and narratives need to be brought forward</p>
<p>Involvement Involve current students and recent international student graduates in planning and encourage engagement with the community</p>	<p>Inclusion We need to build our local cultural competence and include international students as key stakeholder in EDI initiatives</p>	<p>Ethical Practices Regulation, training and monitoring will enhance ethical practices in international student recruitment and retention</p>

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2023 05 11 Regional Council Education Session

Closing the Housing Affordability Gap

Understanding the Crisis, Current Service Levels, and Investments Required

Aileen Baird
Director, Housing Services

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Housing and Homelessness Plan



Provide	End	Prevent
Provide more affordable housing options for households in income deciles 1 to 6 (household incomes \$0 to \$87k)	Progress towards ending chronic Homelessness	Prevent more individuals and families from becoming homeless

Since the approval of this Plan in 2018, more residents of Peel are living more affordably because of our supports and services, but we are still falling behind. A fully-funded investment strategy with targets is needed.

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Unpacking Need

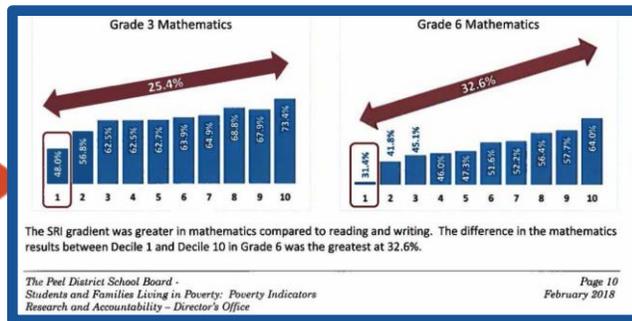
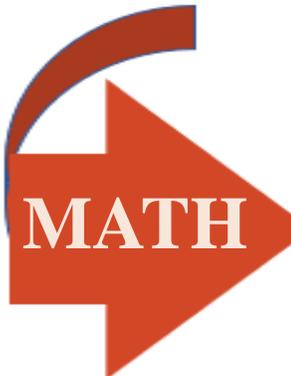
Households that immigrated to Peel within the last 5 years are 150% more likely to be in Core Housing Need



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Black households are the most likely to be in Core Housing Need compared to all other households



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Person-Centric Talent Development

Why invest in housing affordability?

- Ensure the right to housing for all
 - ➔ The for profit sector will not ensure affordable housing for all
- Improved public safety
 - ➔ Reductions in crime
- Improved health and well-being outcomes
 - ➔ Reductions in health service needs
- Improved workforce retention / employer attraction
 - ➔ Reduced labour churn
- Improved local economic activity
 - ➔ Greater local consumption by low- and moderate-income households
- Improved general economic return
 - ➔ \$1 spent in affordable housing returns at least \$4.50 to the economy (CANCEA); by contrast, \$1 spent in policing returns about \$1.70 (RAND Center for Quality Policing/University of Regina)

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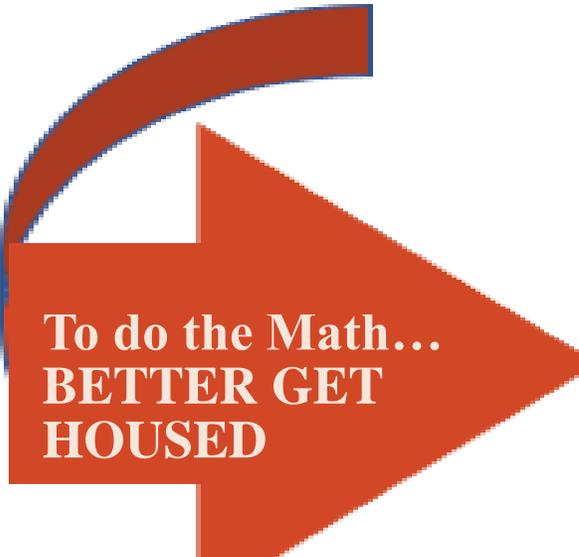


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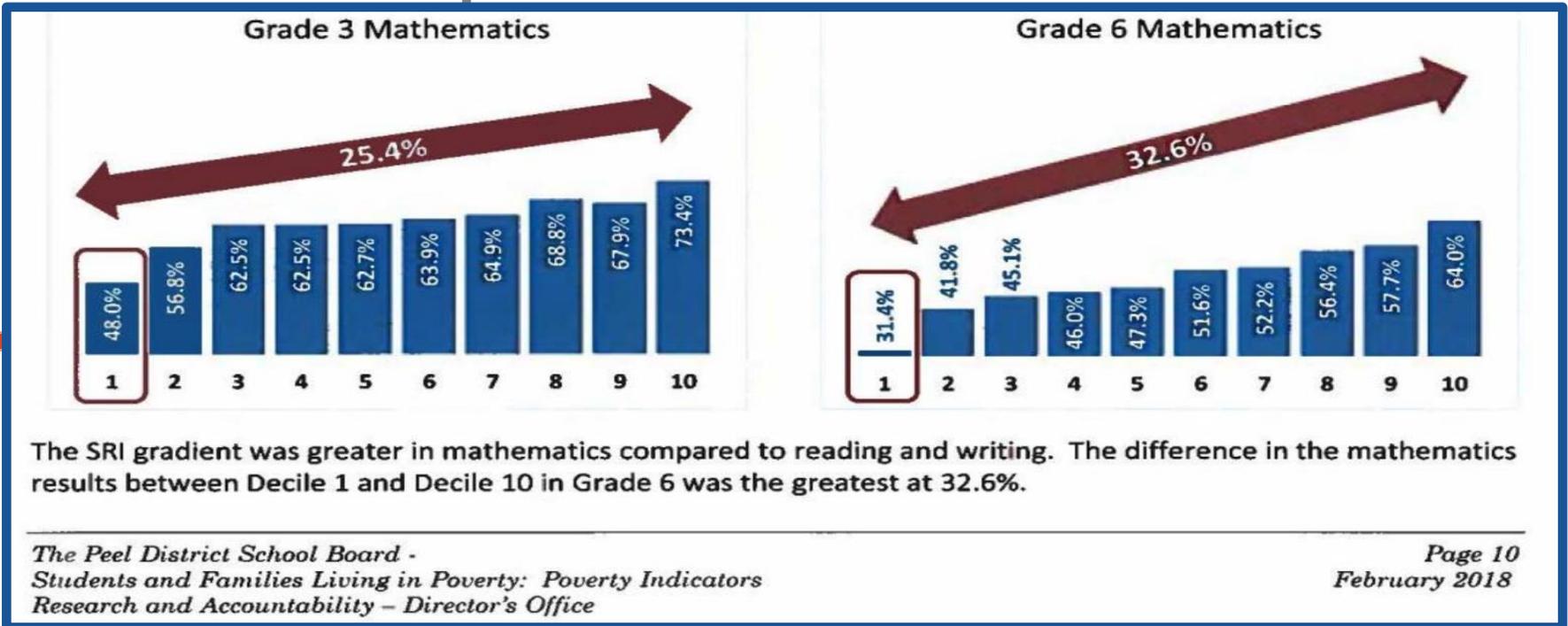


In 2018 Peel DSB reported trends from 2017 data: low household income stunts Grade 3 math results, which worsen by Grade 6 and can stick for life.

Concurrent social risk factors include health or mental health disability, a need for IEP learning accommodation, lone parent families, newcomer status and racialized community.



To do the Math...
BETTER GET HOUSED



The SRI gradient was greater in mathematics compared to reading and writing. The difference in the mathematics results between Decile 1 and Decile 10 in Grade 6 was the greatest at 32.6%.

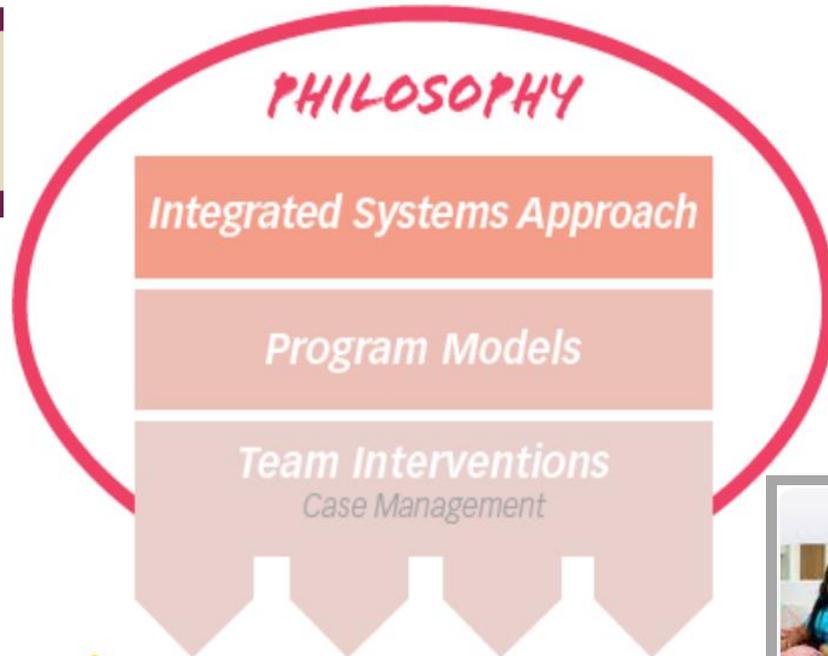
The Peel District School Board -
Students and Families Living in Poverty: Poverty Indicators
Research and Accountability – Director’s Office

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What impact can Peel suspect from Bill 98, Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023

The Application of Housing First



Peel Region is a “Built for Zero” Community
#PeelHousingSummit April 4, 2017

Take Action NOW!

Inform PPHP with 2023 test of PPAG’s Encampments Survey Report Recommendations:

- Pilot “Pathways Model” of “Housing First”
- Address digital equity to expedite inclusion and better deliver SA Transformation
- Get both updated and new data points for 2024-2034
- Iterate localized responses
- PPAG stakeholders and encampment residents face dire and urgent need





Thank you!

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