

Working to Solve Homelessness:

At Home/ Chez Soi



*“As of March 7, 2011 -
over 459 people have
become project
participants,
and over 220 now
have homes.”*

The overall goal is to provide evidence about what services and systems could best help people who are living with a mental illness and are homeless. At the same time, the project will provide meaningful and practical support for hundreds of vulnerable people.

Data from this kind of extensive research does not currently exist in Canada. The MHCC project is unique and the largest of its kind underway in the world right now.

The Vancouver research project will focus on people with substance abuse problems and addictions.

There is great interest and support for the MHCC project in Vancouver from government, community members, and organizations. The Vancouver project team is currently working to secure the needed housing for its participants.

The At Home/Chez Soi project is a research project based on a *Housing First* approach. A total of 2,285 homeless people living with a mental illness will participate. 1,325 people from that group will be given a place to live, and will be offered services to assist them over the course of the initiative. The remaining participants will receive the regular services that are currently available in their cities.

Participants will have to pay a portion of their rent, and be visited at least once a week by program staff. The project is all about choice, and people will be able to choose housing within a number of different sites within their cities - including apartments and group homes.

Source:

<http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/English/Pages/homelessness.aspx>

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