

Complex Needs Banning - Info letter

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What is this project?

This Complex Needs Banning Research Project is an initiative of the Complex Needs Committee, a group of shelter service providers in Edmonton. More than 10 community partners are collaborators in this research.

The project is guided by the Aboriginal seven sacred teachings: love, respect, wisdom, courage, honesty, humility, and truth. We are honoured to have support from an Indigenous partner organization. Our goal is to learn how to better support and serve those who have been banned.

Who would we like to talk to?

If you have ever been banned (e.g. from a shelter, a drop-in, a mall, a park, public transit, etc.) we would like to talk to you to learn about your experiences.

In order to participate **you will need to attend one 2-hour event**. At this event you will be interviewed one-on-one by a researcher and then invited to participate in a focus group discussion with approximately 8-10 community members. Refreshments will be served.

How you might benefit from participating

This is a chance to talk with others and share your experiences. This study will offer understanding about the agencies working to make positive changes for people in Edmonton. This study may benefit you more directly by building awareness about the effect banning has on the lives of many people living within your community.

Are there any risks to doing this study?

There are some small risks involved in participating in the study. It is possible that you may feel uncomfortable about talking about your experiences, and that the discussions may trigger unwanted emotions or memories. We will give you a list of support organizations that you may contact if you need someone to speak with.

How to join a session

You may have learned about this project from a service provider in your community. Sites with upcoming events will have posters with the dates and times advertised along with the name of the person on-site you can talk to about joining a session. Outreach workers can also give you information about upcoming opportunities to participate.

To learn more about this event please contact: [<insert contact info for agency rep here>](#)