



Who Are We:

The Guelph Community Health Centre (Guelph CHC) is pleased to have been identified as lead for the health services design, delivery and accountability for the developing permanent supportive housing projects in the City of Guelph. This role not only acknowledges housing as a core social determinant of health, but also fits squarely within the Guelph CHC's vision of a community without barriers to health and wellbeing. Our organizational expertise includes the design and delivery of comprehensive primary health programs and services that are uniquely tailored to meet the needs of both individuals and neighbourhoods who face the greatest barriers to health in our community.

Services for our Priority Populations:

For over 30 years, Guelph CHC's inter-professional teams of family physicians, nurse practitioners, health promoters, dietitians, outreach workers, social workers, dietitians, early childhood development staff, client navigators and others have delivered services in the City of Guelph. Our services are focused on our priority populations groups, who include people who are homeless; those living on limited incomes; refugees and new Canadians with language barriers; those with moderate to severe mental health, addictions and/or disabilities; those without access to primary care; Indigenous community members; vulnerable children and their families and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Designing a Responsive System of Care to Respond to Homelessness

We share in the commitment of our community partners and government leaders to eliminate homelessness in Guelph-Wellington by 2023. We also know that to achieve this, new and innovative approaches are needed – we must do things differently.

The Guelph Community Health Centre is committed to working alongside our many trusted community partners including Kindle Communities and the Drop In Centre to design a **comprehensive model** of support and care that will be applied across our developing permanent supportive housing programs in the City of Guelph – beginning with the Shelldale and Parkview developments.

In our design, each partner's expertise will be wholly leveraged as we build our best practice, integrated model together, including:

- Kindle's expertise in property ownership and property management;
- The Guelph Community Health Centre's expertise in the design and delivery of integrated, comprehensive, needs-based primary health care teams for marginalized populations;
- The Drop in Centre's expertise in housing stability and emergency housing supports.

To meet the unique needs of our residents, we will also invite the expertise of our community's specialty mental health and addictions partners, such as CMHA and Stonehenge, ARCH and Sanguen, into the wraparound teams.

We are up for the challenge in ending homelessness in our community – and cannot wait to achieve this goal together!