



Appendix I

Vulnerable People at Risk Forum: *What we heard*

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1. Vision

What does helping vulnerable people in Whitehorse look like?

Collaborate (35 dots)

Information flow, everyone takes care of the issue as a community. A place where all help can be found

Working together - families, gov't, agencies, First Nations etc.

Streamlined process for info sharing of clients. I.e. Nothing worse than having them go through the government tape dept. to dept. breaking down the silos of working separately.

Abolish solitary confinement at Jail

Network the many services providers to create holistic, measurable and consistent support to individuals

Inventory of services

Developing a registry of vulnerable people to help with continuity of care

Interdisciplinary mental health and addiction awareness. (social workers, nursing, physicians), offering ACT (BC model) like services in a comprehensive manner

Advisory committee or roundtable of people with lived experience that works with a broader community roundtable

Having federal/territorial gov't etc. listening to the needs of the people and taking action

De-politicize these issues. All political parties need to work together

Clear and accessible list of support services available

Go around to organizations to share info. e.g. Canada Games Centre staff promoting services

Collaboration = success

Programming/Funding (13 dots)

Free cultural/ health forums to explain/understand others

Recreation forum to focus on inclusive programs and integrating all organizations/ government

Place to belong, a purpose. Place to sell sewing - lobby, Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre

Healthy supports - drop in centres for youth/women. - camps/on-land

Take a group out on the land. - picnic, fishing etc.

City of Whitehorse, Parks and Rec involved in preventative measures

Access to job experience through volunteer experience - More programs at CGC. -CGC staff to get more involved in community and stop focusing on middle class programs

Ensuring resources are not just available but accessible 24/7. - In a collaborative, respectful way. - Established community network

Need money and proper action plan!

Programming on the waterfront that blends people

Provide greater financial support to NGOs - More leverage

Stop focusing on memberships at Canada Games Centre. Prioritize those w/o money. It's a community centre, focus on community

Stop focusing on building consolidation and start focusing on community. Blocked access to funding is not working

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Covered greenhouses on tops of buildings to grow (co-garden) and share food. Make vitamin supplements available at food bank

Public fire pits should have fires in them in winter. - grow food, not lawns, public greenspace (2-Mile hill esp.), berry bushes, more community gardens. - More public washrooms, drinking water, a 'suspended' coffee and sandwich program in restaurants and coffee shops. -Bus shelters/ benches, heavy duty, along river and in places where we hang out

New legislation to offer option in criminalization of drunkenness, that does not (necessarily) involve police.

Pair families and low income families and create a grocery sponsorship program

Community initiative for food security

Be creative with very low funding

Managed alcohol programs

Going to where they are; shelters, alleys, streets

Necessary infrastructure to support this story; sobering centre, supported housing, day programs, a managed alcohol program

Food security for everyone

A system that can facilitate support and self-determination

Legislation; Yukon gov't. to work on new laws so APU is not the 1st place drunken behaviour lands a person

Helping people learn about financial literacy, reading and writing

Collaborate (35 dots)

Affordable day care

Food security: food bank, outreach van, soup kitchen

Learning Awareness/ Acceptance (13 dots)

Outreach patrols (volunteer)

Shunning: educate about possible effects, talk about it. Openly explore positive/negative effects. esp. with vulnerable people

To meet needs, include Vulnerable People in ongoing discussions

Recognizing/ acknowledging they are part of our community

Reaching out with love and care. Love and care means being/getting involved in their lives for the long term

Provide opportunities for Vulnerable People to connect with the community

Learn/start speaking First Nation language or own native tongue

Getting to know what/who is impacted

Acceptance education re: harm reduction

Removing barrier of sobriety/ abstinence as requirement for service

Having and knowing who to call when witnessing vulnerable people in need. (In need of intervention for safety of themselves, other Vulnerable People or the public), not an emergency service response

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Learning Awareness/ Acceptance (13 dots)

Acknowledging, showing sensitive care. Always offer help.

More public education about, lived experiences, programs that work, individual success stories

See people as human, not client demographic

Empower everyone to be a contributor to society in some way

Be visible as a helper/supporter

Honour Yukon First Nation spirituality- find your way back to the creator

Understanding the person, their needs and their abilities

Clear understanding of the impacts of residential schools, and how living with the issue really is

Provide First Nation language, funding and programs

Conversations on the sidewalk, not walking by

The entire community to care

Treatment/Healing (12 dots)

Treat trauma

Managed alcohol, zero barrier housing

Invest in Workers (capacity) (3 dots)

Train facilitators to become advocated/caregivers to those that need it

Caregivers develop support networks to stay balanced and heal selves

Housing

Secure, temporary housing for vulnerable folks. Hook up with resources, helpful advocacy

Housing first approach

Rent control

Everyone needs an affordable and safe place to live

Provide housing/ shelter

Low barrier, supported housing

Independent living, Vancouver model East side. Harm reduction meeting on where they are at.

Housing first initiative (Utah just tried it)

Safety, a place to live. Addictions treated, helping all

Safety must come first for people on the street

A place to go after treatment that is safe and supportive

ADS Relationship building in rural communities. Supporting people where they are at

Group homes

Housing with services

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Housing

Ensure housing and supports for people leaving Jackson Lake Healing Camp. Perhaps arrange for a room in a home, to start

Housing for people coming out of treatment, the hospital, corrections centre and for people with mental health issues. Increase housing stock

Supportive housing

Safe housing options that respect where every individual is at.

Rent subsidies

Wet house

Housing first, accepted by community

Housing - safe

Housing first option

A safe place to go at all times

Shelter beds

Tiny houses everywhere

Create community through integrated housing projects

Tiny house project

Halfway house for women

Housing with landlords who have real compassion

Safe, supported, appropriate accessible housing and shelter

Post- trauma transitional home/housing

Housing

Locate facilities in Whitehorse that can serve as shelters/hostels

Housing and support personnel for youth who are 18 and fall in a service gap. They are often not eligible for appropriate housing and funding due to being "youth"

Transitional housing post treatment. Providing people w/ options; supportive housing (w/ mental health workers, counsellors, nurses, social workers). Semi-supportive housing, Independent living. If money is the main barrier to providing homes, perhaps changing the definitions of a home; wall tents, tiny homes, yurts etc. think outside the box.

Recognizing that yes, we need affordable housing but maybe the biggest issue is how do we support those to maintain?

Having more supported housing, including managed alcohol programs

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Money

Easy to find resources. e.g. free stores, shelters, SOS

Funding from Yukon Liquor Corp. and Yukon Tourism

Set up low barrier drop-in centres

Yukon Government funding for establishment of aftercare programs

Partnerships, sharing all government's money

Core funding to address homelessness

Why is funding cut when there is such a high need?

Help provide funders for funding, or where to look for funding to provide housing or keep housing open

Better government support to community mental health organizations

Supported living environment

Person centered approach. Focus on where a person is at in their healings

Connect more in the community, Outreach on off-time

Values

Caring, loving respect one another. Share a smile :)

Better use of our most valuable public resource: the outdoors

Starting young: proactive vs. reactive.
Prevention vs. intervention

Building a better, open and destigmatized conversation about how it's our issue

Acceptance vs. forgiving

Increase ideas like 'community as medicine', Daniel Thera

Change society's values to mutual respect and self-healing

No man is an island. Need to work together, not in isolation

A sense of community: 15 people loving, walking, talking, eating, sleeping and building with each other.

Safe community with friends, family.

Social inclusion

Me, myself, I

No judgement

Caring for others

Say hello when you meet others

Acknowledge

Being open and receptive

Teach our children compassion

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Values

Communication with everyone

Don't judge

Inclusion

Relationship building

Listening to their needs

It looks great, feels good

People first, people connection, family friends

Every person working together including the service industry. Assisting vulnerable people is everyone's business. It takes one person to help/heal a person. Everyone needs to step up.

Defeat NIMBYism

Women, youth, grandparents, parents, children

Possible

Being respectful

Inclusion; Nothing without involvement of affected people

Care

Connection/ belonging

Collaborate

Compassion

Listen, kindness

Sharing stories

Taking the chance to work overtime, street-time

Values

Look people in the eyes

Less shame

Taking time to say hello and chat

Hopeful

Smiling while passing by anyone

Listening to the needs of VPs

Don't judge and assume you know what that person is going through. Don't stereotype.

Ignorance is the parent of fear' -Herman Melville - Moby Dick. People need to interact to be empathetic.

Connection to that which is sacred

Ask if people need help. Be helpful and kind

The capitalist box

Liberation (from oppression)

An ear to hear. Listening at SOS

Move forward with humility. We don't have all the answers. Be open to surprises.

Stop talking about those 'vulnerable people' and start talking about US. US = healthy community. Inclusive. I feel we are still creating 'segments'. We are all family. How can we leave family on the street?

I'm going to walk along the riverfront and talk to people, say hello

Does look like pulling people out of the river as they go by. Should look like going up river and keep them from going in.

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Values

Recognize the reasons for the vulnerability and don't judge who. All of us.

Being kind and friendly, not looking away.
Giving funding to organizations that help. Many of us have money to spare (latte/dinner out/new shirt). Not all of us have money to spare, but if we do, would we rather help end homelessness or buy a latte.

Who

Mothers, fathers, grandparents

All the First Nations organization: CYFN, Ta'an, Kwanlin Dun

Canada Games Centre supervisors

Yukon Government.

Dept of health and social services

ADS; harm reduction work, prevention and outreach

Private/public sector

Including vulnerable people in conversation

Family

Working with communities to plan in assisting with members

People with similar stories. People with resources to assist

All government resources should pool together to start up small projects

Homeless, addicted, jobless

People are supported based on individual needs

Engaged; Vulnerable folks having a voice in what happens to them

Peer mentorship models of support

Compassionate, knowledgeable (professional) people knowing factual information, taking action with integrity

Agencies acting as facilitators, not gatekeepers

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Who

Young adults who are confused

Front line options beyond RCMP and the ER

Paramedics

Everyone

Asking community members- Empowerment

People w/ lived experience determining goals and approaches

SOS, M-F

Organizations that have branches to meet different areas of life

Hidden functional (don't look vulnerable)

Working with the person where they are, not where we want them to be

When

Today

Now.

When

Now. Models exist elsewhere such as Australia, other jurisdictions

As soon as possible, 24/7

When someone is ready

On-going help

Money to pay rent, job funding extensions: now

Long-term supports and services

Buildings within 10 years

Always

April 2016, New year (fiscal)

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Resources

Jackson Lake Healing Camp + aftercare

People's actions (educate)

Using trauma informed care

Contributing time and talents to groups serving them

SOS extended hours, 7 days a week

Free accessible literacy programs (financial + others)

Teaching self-healing tools, e.g. Breathe to calm down (for better decisions)

Affordable education and training

Skills development centres

Giving them legitimate escape options - even if they are a couple hours in length

Wrap around services

After-care

A safe place and similar programs

Put up more parks or a place for people to sit around

24/7 services

Help beyond 9-5

No homeless people - Crisis situations will have immediate well-known solutions

Get helping agencies in the same room regularly to share info. Co-ordinate services

A place for vulnerable men to feel comfortable

Resources

A place for people to go, a big tent would do.
Distract people to help alcohol depression

Skookum Jim Friendship Centre

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Who is doing this work?

Safe Place (65 dots)

A safe place, Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and Yukon Status of Women Council, community kitchen

Women's shelter

"A Safe place"

Social housing, supportive housing

Have drop-in centres open for people to drop-in during the day for a chat, rest, snack or just a place to go

Shelter, programming for homeless

Emergency shelter

Housing navigators, Blood Ties, Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, "A safe place", no barrier drop-in

Anonymous confidential phone support every night from 7 pm - 3 am

Landlord - NGO partnerships

Stability

Dentist (needed for aged-out youth)

Library for resources and warm place

A plan to develop a halfway house for women

Legal-aid society

Employment Support & Education (25 dots)

Free community literacy programming

Education programming workshops

Life skills development

Family support for literacy in early years (Yukon Literacy Coalition)

Employment support

Guiding youth with financial matters

Donations

Donating

Job and life-skills, esteem mentorship

Raising awareness about homelessness

Life skill training

Art studio

Need drop-in supports every evening

Workplace/ essential skills training through FNS and Yukon College

Youth Employment Centre

Support the NGOs that are making a difference

Education on addiction. It's okay to speak your mind

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Community/ Peer Support (13 dots)

Case management. Transitions, counselling

Emotional support

Keeping families together. Work with families

Living relationships

12 Step Recovery programs - AA Meetings/ NA Meetings. Government programs for youth - Blood Ties, Food Bank, BYTE, Yukonstruct, Northern Cultural Society, Skookies. - Some paid employees, some volunteers. - All community members and their big caring hearts

Individual support

Second Opinion Society Peer support, we listen, Monday to Friday

We need strong men. Men's society

Recognize that everyone has different needs.
- Sharing

Family treatment

Low consequence based approach

Person centred planning

Respect cultural differences

Strangers helping each other. Giving rides, food, making eye contact, listening

Community members joining together with other resources to do outreach in places where vulnerable people gather

More involvement required by all of us.

Every person can make a difference. Every

Community/ Peer Support (13 dots)

community person can empower

Men's Circles 5-7 every Thursday

Youth aftercare programs/transitional living unit. Youth in care need a place to go once they 'age out'.

Learn the "street codes"

Community service providers (NGOs, Govt' etc), network. Put all our heads together every two months to address issues, build bridges and work in unity and understanding

Lower our expectation of comfort

Too much tertiary, not enough primary

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Advocacy (8 dots)

Men's advocate office directive

One stop shop, vulnerable people commission

Keeping families together. The courts separate families

Commit to resolving homelessness

Public awareness = public willingness to be part of solution

Government needs to pull their weight

End poverty plan with core funding

D.I.A. , Elijah Smith Building

Fix legal info

Case management of programs and services

There are a lot of non-profit sectors helping people, but vulnerable people often don't know about them. More info should be distributed on streets

Justice

Best action is to co-ordinate services, programs, one stop shop

Financial Support (5 dots)

24/7 buses

Support funding

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Food Security (4 dots)

Soup kitchens

Free meals for women and children,
Wednesdays 12 - 1pm

Co-op kitchen, shared cooking and meals

Food housing

Traditional Ways of Knowing (3 dots)

Prayer circles, tobacco offerings

Traditional teachings

Cultural programs (spiritual and arts)

Jackson Lake Healing Camp

Have healing shelters in every community. Have
walk-home attendees, Bingo or just a day to
help each other

More culturally sensitive, spiritual programming
with government funded programs

Encourage family intervention circles with
health, RCMP, Jackson Lake Healing Centre

Spiritual gatherings and guidance

Healing through art/ cultural outlets

Healthcare (2 dots)

Need more harm re-education programs

Downtown outreach clinic, nursing clinic,
collaboration with KDFN, Salvation Army, YG,
for professional care

"Let's keep talking", KDFN community meetings
to promote community safety and well-being

Detox staff

Mental health services

Counselling

When

Weekends

Mornings for families

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

After hours support

Now

Ongoing

July of 2015

ASAP

Yesterday

Individual Learning Centre, Mon to Fri, 9-5

Women's circles at Jackson Lake Wellness
Office, Weds 1-3

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When

Weekend Program at VFWC

Skookum Jim Youth Shelter, ages 17-25, 365 days a year, 4pm - 8am

Many Rivers 9-5, Monday-Friday

Who

Paramedics

NGO's

Government

Yukon Family Literacy Centre

Brining Youth Towards Equality

Youth Achievement Centre

Committee on Abuse in Residential Schools

Staff at Canada Games Centre deal with alcohol in change-rooms, youth at risk, drugs, youth who won't access other programs

Teegatha Oh' Zheh

Second Opinion Society

Blood Ties

Churches

Salvation Army

Kaushee's Place (women's transition home)

Yukon Distress Line

Health and Social Services

Who

Northern Cultural Expressions Society

Education Support Workers

Splintered Craft

A.D.S (alcohol and drug services)

Law Society of Yukon

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre

Skookies

Sally and Sisters

YAPC (Yukon anti-poverty council)

Ta'an Kwach'an Council

Skookum Jim Friendship Centre

Jackson Lake Healing Camp

The Creator

Yukon Housing Corp.

FASSY (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon)

Carving Program

Northern Women's Community of Wellness

Outreach Nurses

Angel's Nest

YPLEA (Yukon Public Legal Education Association)

Kwanlin Dun First Nation

All leaders of the community

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Challenge

Many Rivers

Movers and Shakers

Soup Kitchen

Second Opinion Society

Elders

RCMP

Outreach Van

Boys and Girls Club

ILC (individual learning centre)

Food Bank

People with lived experience of poverty,
homelessness, trauma

Cultural Camps

Community

City of Whitehorse

Large mining companies in small communities
providing for life skills training and treatment

Life Skill Development Centre

Golden Age Society

Yukon Civil Liberties Coalition

Special Olympics

The Legion

Who

Teen Parent Centre

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Legal aid

SOS is a jewel, supporting lots of people

Income tax - volunteers doing tax returns

Wider teaching made available for "new-traditional" outlooks. e.g. Daniel Thera's "Community as Medicine"

Shelters, assisted living, culture camps, Jackson Lake Healing Camp

Elder active Recreation Association - Seniors staying active physically

Lower food costs

Healthcare providers - Whitehorse General Hospital, dentist, YCDC etc. But none are co-ordinated

Raise minimum wage

Housing support

Crisis line

Affordable housing

Detox

Ability to work together/ wrap around services

Volunteers

Women's Centres

Health care

Recovering people who have been there

Non-profits and government working together

Resources

Skill development centres

Educational/personal support, advocate educ. support and cultural educ. support workers

Funding

"moolah"

Elders council, youth council, municipal council

Youth funding

Sufficient funding

Co-ordination

Information sharing

After-hours support

Cultural consultant

Volunteers

Cultural camps

Move toward restorative justice and healing. There is no Band-Aid approach

Donations of wild game to Elders from Yukon outfitters

Community wellness court and justice wellness centre

Alcohol and drug abuse recovery programs

People with lived experience

Blood Ties supported housing is happening, how do we get more?

Sense of care and community

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Accessible information for programs

Schooling

Jackson Lake Wellness Office, support, counselling

Free funding

Outreach van

Halfway house

Spiritual healing

Justice support services

SOS -peer support, Thursday lunches. Golden Age Society - seniors activities

Affordable accommodation

Food bank

Job references or housing

First Nations justice and health outreach workers

First and last

Salvation Army

Nobody's perfect groups

Mental health

Emotional, spiritual, mental supports

Follow-up care

Church sponsored soup kitchens

Justice support services

Resources

First Nations funding support to hire educ. support workers, tutors etc.

Have more Elders in community programs

Helping youth get in to sports

Reduce 'siloing'/overlay to ensure more effective use of resources

Challenge, disability resource group

A safe place at VFWC

More outreach support services

Support workers for health, mental, physical, spiritual education. Our health helps with our ability to help others

Reliable, consistent and ongoing adapted training around suicide crisis and suicide prevention

Skills development centres

"Witness Project" -Vancouver - Robinson Roundhome - Squamish Nation - Artists and citizens. * Ask John Glynn-Morris*

Stop cutting funds

Shift the focus from the economy to supporting our people to strive and thrive

Change attitudes

People with lived experience

Ask them for ideas, and how they can be included/contribute

Money needed

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Support/funding to meet needs. Communicate and pool resources

SIL - supported independent living. (Healthy families Yukon)

More \$

Resources, YG and Fed. Gov. to KDFN

Commitment and caring

Job training

VFWC

"One stop shop", shelters with other services in the same place (e.g. Healthcare)

Look at models that work e.g. Winnipeg Biz, Kelowna

Winnipeg Biz is business leadership on housing homelessness

Check out Tamarack Institute's collective impact process to build collaboration

Storefront model in Kelowna that provides access to a wide variety of services. - no referral, can share info, no legal barrier

Housing first approach

Education in self-awareness, vicarious trauma

More govt. funding

Art studios

Community as whole

A Safe Place and other similar programs

Resources

Supports for youth transitioning to adulthood. Supported housing-different levels

A (voluntary) registry for vulnerable people 'could' include a consent document giving permission to share information in order for agencies in community to be able to help

More effective use of funding, collaborate rather than silo

Flexible low-barrier housing stock

Ongoing sustainable funding

Tools for health care providers, to assist VP's, to access services

Commit more money to housing

Funding for assisted living

"The community is the medicine" Dr. Darren Thira, from BC

Divert money from YG to KDFN

Sharing common grounds and community safety committee

Don't build a revolving door treatment facility

Managed detox facility where people can taper off safely

Establish more land based treatment programs

No meds, holistic

SOS holistic approach to meds

Imagine and fund better 24/7 prevention programs

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0.5% city tax increase=200K, to fund a coordinating body i.e. ensure that resources are coordinated

We need to allow and make case consultation happen, to encourage collaboration

Use already existing organizations and increase their funding so they can increase and augment the support they offer

Wrap around services, Hub model (Dale McPhee), more service collaboration

Education learning centres to meet the needs for change

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3. Helpful Solutions

What new ideas can be implemented to improve the lives of vulnerable people?
Who would implement the idea and what resources are required?

Supportive Housing and Service (63 dots)

Continuum support for housing - a lot - a little over years.

Safe/secure housing

Housing shelter - safe, accessible. Male/female supported - support services collocated

Lower age for Senior's Housing for vulnerable people to 52 or 55 to give access to housing to more people in our community. This has been down in Downtown eastside.

More low cost housing for single people.

Turning the old Food Fair/Super Value into a homeless shelter, group kitchen, needle exchange, hostel - it's big, has food services, a bakery, room for beds, an office, it's in the 'core' easily accessible to VP and street people.

More suitable housing

More shelters. Collision of organization and governments

Halfway house for women. Who - Elizabeth Fry need will and small house and staff. Could be shared

Assisted living

Different types of shelters. - allow drinking, men/women, support services on site

More shelters

Supportive housing

Halfway house. Transitional home of healing for women

Housing

Supportive Housing and Service (63 dots)

halfway house for women

Housing first approach to homelessness

Second stage housing (aftercare)

Housing outreach coordinator (BC). Ask wellness Kamloops. Transitional House

All 14 communities and chiefs get together and build one big house so that the homeless won't be living on the streets

Housing supported. "housing first philosophy"

Make Housing a human right for all in Yukon land.

Multiple services supporter and housing.

A housing navigator that helps tenant/landlord issue. 24 hrs/day = no evictions

Building capacity in the community as far as having staff available to help in clinics, group homes, outreach, etc. Specifically in areas of mental health and addictions.

Housing but in the city

Listening: people will tell you what they need. Food - Shelter - Clothing

laundry, clothing, blankets, as much as needed, storage with locks etc. for these items

Supported housing (not emergency shelter)

Day programs

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24/7 Support Services (30 dots)

24/7 services available for people in need

Promote Blood Ties program, which acts as an intermediary for hard to house people and landlords to home owners with rental units in Whitehorse

Better aftercare to minimize relapses

Second stage youth housing

Hire/appoint advocates who can reach out and support each homeless person to find resources and navigate their needs.

More outreach "friendly visitors" "street support" "24/7" " 24 hour phone line"

Public phones. Maintain and keep operational

Collection service for old but functional cell phones which can be distributed to homeless with chargers so even though the cells don't have service plan the emergency 911 still works

Voicemail box for people who do not have phones

Places to be during the day when booted out of the shelter

Street level response not police focused

Community safety officer – Kwanlin Dun FN, Communities to help citizens. Call ambulance - RCMP-Youth at risk-safe house

Safe place to go after hours

Low barrier access to 24/7 crisis support divert people in need instead of criminalizing them, make a place that is safe

24/7 Support Services (30 dots)

One stop shop approach for people involved in the justice system or who are street involved

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Youth Programs (27 dots)

Sponsored programs for youth to train as lifeguards. Activity monitors, front line staff working with youth at Canada Games Centre

Partnership with CGC to provided preventable resources for vulnerable youth

Sponsor programs for youth to train as lifeguards, Activity monitors, front line staff working w/ youth at Canada Games Centre

Summer camps to nurture appreciation for our land

One on one coaching mentoring 24/7 , either over the phone or in person in a safe and healthy environment

Safe rides home for youth

Provide support areas where youth who are at risk of joining the vulnerable pop.

Stop the cycle w/ next generation of youth
Partnership with CGC, safe rides home, access to medical advice, sexual health programs , access to healthy meals at CGC , hot meal programs,

Mental Health/Health Care (27 dots)

Early detection and programs for underlying mental illness issues

Accessible medical care. Accessible health care.

More options for vulnerable persons other than jail - mental health assistance - addiction assistance.

Collaborative approach involving the vulnerable population

Mental health crisis centre

There's value in combining movement with individual and group support. Have walking support (movement)

24 hour crisis shelter. Help people calm down and stabilize without going to hospital or jail. Short-term - few hours - or few weeks.

Program to help people manage underlying mental illness

Health care - accessible/non judgemental

Acknowledge and develop programming to help people heal of unresolved trauma e.g. residential school and intergenerational

Mental health outreach - shared staffing model - attend health clinic at Salvation Army - attend Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre: safe place, lunch : regular drop in hours

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Who would implement the idea and what resources are required?

Drug & Alcohol Programs (23 dots)

Managed alcohol programs

Managed alcohol program - Kwanlin Dun FN - need will and some resources

A place for families to stay together and live.
Receive treatment for their needs at the same time

ADS community addiction programs

Wet shelter/alcohol management programs

New legislation to decriminalize drunkenness

Managed alcohol program

Harm reduction modules

Decriminalize addiction

Multiple organization branch's support for different areas of a vulnerable person's life (challenge)

More options for treatment

Engage city business leaders in being part of solution

Managed alcohol zero barrier housing

Downtown sobering centre

More options beyond 28 day program.
Comprehensive addiction strategy

"Scan the 98" - Deal with drug dealing specifically crack at 98 Hotel - affected so many people, youth too.

Cultural Alternative Holistic Approaches (18 dots)

Medicine wheel. Spirituality, Elders, Connection, Land base

Validate and listen to them. Honour them and nourish their gifts/skills. Include them. Ask them

Teach self-healing. e.g. breath work to everyone - caregivers and vulnerable people

Health care

Traditional ceremonies/practices

Re-learn traditional teaching about 2-spirited people

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Family Programs (7 dots)

Compassion

Non Judgemental

1- A home

2- A job

3- a Friend

Programming to inspire and take people away (if only for an hour) from their circumstances to safe places with actions and activities

Kwanlin Dun FN foster homes

Healing centres for women and their children

Child abuse prevention model w/o fear of child apprehension

Healthy families strength based and empowerment w/o fear of child apprehension

Supported/relevant family literacy groups and activities all ages , in community, no barriers

Care center for minors on Kwanlin Dun FN and parental access. Transitional housing for families (w. Support)

Alternative to foster care on reserve

Training Education Awareness (7 dots)

Education to service providers

Humanity Training for Salvation Army Staff

Empower the vulnerable by including them in the planning and collaboration

Build Capacity - more trained providers

Allow/ encourage opportunities to create

Awareness and orientations for people in the community- landlords(support), Public (\$\$)

Help people set up bank accounts

Listening and understanding

Maybe not always looking for new ideas but looking elsewhere to see what ideas have worked/successful to improve the lives of vulnerable. This usually means a huge shift in programming and funding and we as a community have to be ready and willing to make a big change.

Financial literacy (budgets)

Get rid of stigma that people of vulnerability are not smart because they are smart

City and Yukon Govt (and relevant Federal) Cultural awareness training for new and all employees

Life Skills

First Nation priority employment board

Schools mental health social program

Consult and discuss with the "vulnerable"

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Training Education Awareness (7 dots)

people" their needs, engage and listen

Food Security (7 dots)

Funding from YTG

Giving people tools to help themselves in community kitchens

More food at Food Bank. Nutritious food.

Living wage and food bank for food insecurity

Food Security - expand availability of food

Partner with AG branch and AG association to find land leases and grow food.

Community gardens to promote food security connect with land etc.

Salvation Army drop-in and lunch open weekends

Policy/Programs Partnerships (6 dots)

Develop strategy/ Plan of action

Tax the churches

Reduce mental health wait list. Mental health strategy

Less funding limitation for on-going programs that address core issues

Overcome 'privacy issues' by developing protocols to share information

Assessing real needs that commit resources

Policy/Programs Partnerships (6 dots)

Decrease cost of living for low-income workers, so they don't become homeless. Implement so wages are equal for all not just immigrants

Form a board of experts to work on and improve Jackson Lake Healing camp including funding and after care. The board will also work together to initiate and ensure change for the vulnerable.

More - Volunteer work programs to gain skills/feel valued.

Changes to ATIPP Legislation to allow for easier information shared and collaborate in case management

Beaton/Allan - implement

A collaboration plan so agencies work together and provide resources collectively versus working in silos

Stop using APU (Arrest Processing Unit) for people who are not criminals

Divert government's share of taxation revenues for sales of liquor, tobacco etc. - into housing!

City sponsored membership/drop in passes - partnerships

Rethink/rework the city transit policy of 'no intoxicated people on the bus' to promote inclusion and respect and caring

Collaborative projects between multiple NGO's

Read and implement studies and reports competing on acutely intoxicated persons; managed alcohol programs - providing safe place until ready to change

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Who

All our MLA's

Partnerships, NGO's and government

We need to learn to love the unlovely

Place for Drop-in, Provide food, beverage, tea, coffee

People with lived experience of homelessness, poverty, trauma

Having safe people to talk to at these locations

Outreach locations: Skookum Jim Friendship Centre, Salvation Army, Kwanlin Dun FN, Blood Ties, Food Bank, Angel's Nest

A safe place @ Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre (low barrier, weekend, evening drop-in)

More bus tickets for NGOs

Clubhouse Model is successful in other jurisdictions – staffed by peer support, SW, RN

VFWC

Transition/gaps in services

When

Before summer ends and the cold weather comes

NOW

High risk times, Evening and weekends

24/7, All year, on holidays

Before winter, extreme cold

After hours

Weekends

Resources

Very few to draft the land. More to implement it. Next we need the plans to do it. (other places like Scotland have done it).

School, parents, community resources

Church community could be challenged to open their meeting spaces, eg. Basement meeting rooms. On a rotational but dependable schedule

Empower

Sponsored bus passes, City of Whitehorse

Kwanlin Dun FN – City of Whitehorse - Yukon Government - Ta'an Kwach'an - Many Rivers

Trained Professionals

Elijah Smith - best place to be

Festivals/ Tournaments

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Resources

Everyone! We need to work together, it takes a community

Skookum Jim Friendship Centre

Second Opinion Society, Victoria Faulkner's, Kaushee's

Have one significant person that a vulnerable person can contact anytime, all the time

Police (by-law)

Nurses, Public, First Nation Governments

Yukon Electrical Company

Paramedics

RCMP

Yukon First Nations

Need quiet, safe places, in and outside of home

If there is a problem with tourist safety and well-being; then use money from YG Tourism

YG Liquor Corporation; Use money from liquor sales - for housing for people with addictions

Safe homes

Safe places to go at any time

Street lights

Funding for shelters and workers

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Inter Gov't/ Agency Communication (48 dots)

Take profits from the sale of alcohol and put at least 1/2 of it into social programs

Create a space for on-going dialogue- once a month with all stake-holders

Over-arching connection, cross-government cohesive plan with team to implement

Work together, share resources. Create a board of experts in the field

Siloed government depts, must work together, be smarter

Make sure all government depts work together!

Better co-ordination of funding sources

Better communication between partners/organizations

Sliding-scale admission to community services

Working together

Partner w/ City to develop wellness/fitness access to individuals on the street, for healing/continued healing

Make sure all gov't levels know what other resources are available and can access them

Federal programs need to be locally supported

Work across departments and with communities. Avoid silos

More partnerships with City of Whitehorse regarding youth resources

Partnerships with Jackson Lake

Inter Gov't/ Agency Communication (48 dots)

Create a coalition to work on this - including homeless people

Co-ordinate and communicate between levels of gov't, businesses, landlords. Educate them so they understand it's a community responsibility

Collaboration between government depts, working with same population

Sharing information amongst gov't services to avoid constant re-application by applicants for different services

Agencies often get caught up determining who gets help rather than how to help the person in front of them

Develop integrated plan and implement coordinated effort

Info on community services - not coordinated

Downtown Outreach Clinic: collaborative clinic w/Kwanlin Dun, Salvation Army and Yukon Govt Home Care works because: Nurse @ the location of where people are. Could do better: location that supports confidentiality and easy access, broader range of services (ex. Housing, physio), frequency of clinic, storefront type of clinic setting that doesn't need a referral

Need to work together on community plan

We need political leadership to ensure open collaboration

Municipal inclusion strategies

Collaboration between gov't and First Nations

Partnership and funding, so NGF can do their work to help

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Inter Gov't/ Agency Communication (48 dots)

More youth programming - funding partnership needed.

All the gov't agencies are so focused on their own turf, they don't communicate with each other. They are siloed. Disastrous cost, disastrous result

How do we make sure all gov'ts/departments play together in the sand box?

Housing (41 dots)

A halfway house for women

Support for women leaving Jail

Making sure that people from communities leaving corrections are taken home

Need a 'wet shelter' with supports right here

Youth shelter, but too hard to find affordable housing for youth

Managed alcohol, zero barrier housing

There is a halfway house for men, but there is nothing to support marginalized women involved in justice system, this is a gap

Could the City provide a lot where homeless folks could have wall tents or tiny houses?

More low-income housing

Housing provided for work services

Programs to maintain seniors' and elders independence and security

Supportive housing

Housing first!

Assisted living in a home

More funding to build supported living environments

Increase the SA amounts for rent/utilities for singles

Full (mandatory) accessibility housing/businesses

Low-income housing - but waiting list is too long

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Housing (41 dots)

A tiny house community to invest in people getting back on their feet with supports on site

More funding towards preventative measures (housing)

Need shelter for youth in limbo

Housing options, choices

All gov't provide housing, why turned down?

YG: release your housing funding for more social housing for homeless, low/middle income families

Invest in a "Proctor Home Model" where parents affected by FASD can be appropriately supported in raising their own children

Housing for women leaving Jail

Resource heavy but lack of financial supports that work to address poverty like affordable housing

Work to live programs

Put a cap on Yukon housing rates, that system keeps at-risk families teetering on the poverty line

Youth will end up in group homes. More group homes are not the answer

Life Skills (32 dots)

Need FN language and support

Parenting skills and training

Short term plans such as skills development centre that substitutes for long-term solutions

Offer free education

Employ abilities program

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Traditional Healing Centre (18 dots)

Need to focus on healing to root causes, unresolved trauma. Will help resolve the symptoms

Each First Nation needs to look after their own members

KDFN health centre

Culture camps

Traditional programs, they are not working because they are not traditional

Traditional programs need to be given by traditional people

Create a center where people can get help with different matters to offer a more holistic approach. This center would do more than just give phone numbers, it would actually help with financial, legal, medical matters

Youth treatment and family center out of city limits. For youth that are already in the justice system as well as vulnerable youth that are on the verge of being in the system. Need to stop sending youth out of territory for treatment

More/better, holistic and culturally-sensitive programming at detox

Culturally relevant and significant services

ADS missing cultural component and collaboration with FW's

Counselling + Programs (12 dots)

More preventative programs are needed to address problems before the police or courts are involved

Many of the programs are only available during specified hours. We need to create programs that are available to VPs at any time

Long-term after care

SOS, more funding and we could open 7 days a week, with longer hours

Need more programs in jail so there is real rehab and after-care when people get out. -Housing. Cost saving for police

Salvation army drop-in and lunch open on weekends

Jackson Lake Healing Camps, after care

Programs need to be more nimble and flexible. More flexible and responsive mandates

Increase supports during "change ready" moments; ex. At hospital after ADS treatment, most crisis situations

Managed alcohol programs and housing

After-hours support

Harm reduction help w/o restrictions

Walk n' Talk counselling "on the spot"

More after-care outreach like Kwanlin Dun FN

More accessible available mental health services

Wet shelter for chronic street involved persons

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Counselling + Programs (12 dots)

Expanded outreach hours

Longer-term shelter

The upcoming facility to 'house and treat' persons w/ addictions is a revolving door to support jobs for gov't workers

Prevention and support and after-care is the only viable solution to the addictions issue

It's up to gov't to have respect and dignity for Vulnerable People. Programs are useful but they need to help people help themselves - give them a hand up, not a hand out. Dry out houses, wet houses, recovery house (tiny house) program, community gardens, cook spots, water spots.

Need managed alcohol program to be part of supported hours

Need more rural-urban transition support, K-12, living space, Post-secondary

More resources brought into identified areas for prevention for youth

Select a group and facilitator to formulate a plan

Social housing with supports

More shelters

CPNP (prenatal health support), drop-in programs (not registered or pre-arranged for all areas), with clear, reasonable assessment

We need lower-barrier services. Sobriety need not be a prerequisite to service and support

Support financial literacy for independence

Assistance not based on income

Counselling + Programs (12 dots)

Education and training programs for staff (COW funding)

Second Opinion Society

Need family support, safe place with counselling, Encourage 'a possible turn-around'

Youth aftercare and supported living

Increase in social assistance benefits, \$400 not enough to live on

Trained and skilled intervention worker for salvation army

Support for families

Literacy

Need to be available afterhours and on weekends

Need more training/education programs to feel valued/challenged

Client-centered, centralized/integrated care

Victim services

Weekend places to rest, when others are closed

Food, social assistance above poverty line & low barrier services

Training for churches to understand behaviour

Need comprehensive (not skeleton day/week) opiate substitution therapy with full supports

Care and service for vulnerable is 24/7

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Counselling + Programs (12 dots)

Jackson Lake needs resources to include youth program

Appropriately fund foster care families so that more will come forward

Programs at Jail - growing and expanding

Social Awareness Programs (8 dots)

Involve community

Be more open and receptive to different opinions

Need regular community meetings like this to keep momentum (at least 1/yr)

Resilience/ community

Educate and show film

We can do better by welcoming people as well as servicing them

Vulnerability does not equate to addictions

Personal Belief: gov't should fund as freely as possible but should step out of service delivery if they cannot remove their own judgements

Other

Technology based programs/apps for phones/ computers

Have a project in place for service computers to evaluate. Have input into services

Create websites for compiling programs

Stop using criminal justice system to deal with alcohol/drug over-use

Public transit, affordable, evening busses, accessible

Create internet technology based information, intuitive to persons in vulnerable sectors, make available

NIHB improvements

Who

Detox staff

Men and women's circle, #21 McCrimmon Cr

Healthy Families Yukon

Prevention and treatment services

Emergency Medical Services: (paramedics underutilized) as a point of referral

Best outcomes so far= programs presented by C. Sims = doc, van, KDFN

Salvation Army does a great job

Include businesses. They have good ideas, for social inclusion/ positive reinforcement

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Who

People who are genuinely concerned about making a difference

When

Now

Yukon Housing Corp

Right now

RCMP,

ASAP

Internal organization discussion, City of Whitehorse

Today

NGO's

Honour different timelines for change

Private Contractors

Changes now for long-term success

Health Canada (funder)

Both FN (Kwanlin Dun FN, Ta'an) working collaboratively on their share and traditional territory

Resources

Federal Programs -Service Canada, Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ACETS), Skills and partnership fund (SPF), New Horizons for seniors program, AANDC(income assistance), Health Canada, Non-insured health benefits, Indian Residential School Program, dental, Skills link, Career Focus, Opportunity Fund, Citizen Services (DAS, Pension, EI)

Social assistance

Kwanlin Dun FN: health center, outreach, Elders support, Youth Support, Emergency support. YG and NGO stakeholders, all above need: regular meetings, long-term, short-term, measurable goals

Jackson Wellness team, Kwanlin Dun FN Justice, Community justice programs, NGO's

Need to allow workers to do their work by creating policies, rules and regulations, which allow them to talk and collaborate with all the stake-holders

Mental health services

Second Opinion Society, Increased drop-in hours

Angel's Nest

Early childhood support and development

Blood Ties has a program where they (the VPs) are the renter and they sublet to hard to house people, providing them support. I love this idea and am thankful for the funds to keep it

Gov't should fund prevention programs everywhere

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Resources

Cell phones

ADS prevention services

Invest money towards social programs rather than appealing court decisions

Showers

Outpatient treatment

Skookum Jim's: many different programs for different ages and needs, accessible

Kwanlin Dun FN Wellness Centre & Jackson Lake Program; many services in one location, removes barriers to service, secure long-term funding to expand and maintain

CAT Counselling, travels to communities, tries to be accessible, could involve families more, could use more resources to serve youth, children and families who are more vulnerable, could be more collaborative with other services but maintain confidentiality

Youth Restorative Justice (Ta'an): emphasis on repair and restoring harmony, bringing youth back in to community, connection, belonging and honour

Food, showers etc. Safe place to stay. 24/7 support/ outreach

Rural community gov'ts need to get on-side

Challenge Disability Resource Group

Need to develop a place where we can gather the homeless in a camp for a whole summer, to learn about; self-care, to love, life skills etc.

Healthy Families Yukon

Resources

Detox, social workers and staff

Jail - too many people in remand, could be in community

Downtown outreach clinic

City: Transit, Recreation Programs

Yukon Housing; not enough, barriers to applications

Bus Fare

Kaushee's Place

Affordable Housing

Offender supervision and services; terrible programming

Residential Youth treatment services

Jackson Lake

Quit Path smoking cessation

Outreach van

More places for vulnerable people to go after hrs and on weekends

Mother Goose program

Healthy moms, healthy babies

Supported independent living program: H+SS

Council of Yukon FN

Fill in gaps within housing continuum

Drop-in counselling (Many Rivers)

Soup Kitchen

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Mental Health Support Services

Low-literacy accessible information

Salvation Army; shelter/centre

Funding for shelters

Change policies to align with needs

Children's advocate - voice to young people

Mental health resources: housing, intervention, on-going guaranteed income

Work programs to get off of social assistance

Table/task force to bring partners together to enable solutions

More resources for healing camp aftercare: case management

Less funding on new highways, don't cut NGO funding

There are existing resources; however they are somewhat autonomous from each other. We need to connect our resources

Options for independence

Medically supported detox

Youth Achievement Centre

Outreach van

Youth Centre to help our children, positive place

People commitment creativity (not bureaucracy)

Resources

Properly staffed facility. Like Jackson Lake but very specific to youth only

Resources to build + support assisted living

Be more realistic about how much NGO's do and fund them better

YG: funding for SOS organization, mental health focus, alternative medical ideas

courts are good but they need more resources permanently attached to help people

YG can provide funding for a 'create work program' for those who are sobering up and starting their healing

Bring back City summer camp to Chadburn Lake but run with KDFN and have FN and non-FN kids interacting. Be outside, share, learn and break down prejudices at early age. Youth are the future

A safe place at Victoria Faulkner Womens Centre

Liquor Corp., alcohol taxes to fund supportive housing for addicts

A holistic approach to provisioning resources does not exist; how to coordinate?

Our voices

Great program: Jackson Lake. Expand to have a family program

Gov't should stop the double sword of addiction treatment

BYTE- great resource center

ADS tax services

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Support for families affected by mental health addiction

Laundry

Individual Learning Centre

Taking the big step + shifting the 'pots' of money more collaboratively

Places to gather- fire pit, shelter from rain, at selected sites along the river

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5. Locations

What locations in the city attract vulnerable people?

How can we improve safety for them, other citizens, and visitors?

Housing (19 dots)

Homeless need housing but so do working poor. They are vulnerable and often \$40 away from being evicted. We need safe/affordable housing for everyone

Zero-barrier supported housing

Housing with supports would decrease numbers on street

Focus on society's most vulnerable and put core funding in for housing for all

Top-down and bottom-up response to housing

Accessible housing

Harm reduction strategies: housing that provides safe place and recognizes that people have substance use. May not change

Assisted living: 24/7 support

More affordable housing but being careful to not "ghetto-ize" the population. (Blood Ties' tiny house is a good model

24 Hour Services (11 dots)

More support services that offer support 24/7

Safe place(s) to be after hours, that is not a bar

Evening and weekends, everything closes at 5pm

Crisis place to talk

Use school as 'community' facilities e.g. Open after hours

Need more drop-ins for longer hours

Gathering Spaces (7 dots)

Safe locations for children/youth in community and neighborhood. (block parent? Community watch?)

Locations that provide: warmth, relationships, food, fulfillment, rest, safety, personal support and learning

Establish 'authorized' fire pits with seating at 2 or 3 locations that are already used along the river

Create a place for people to do productive, healthy activities

Safe, social places for people to interact, have coffee etc.

Communal facility/ lots of people/ socialize/ resources

Low barrier drop-in and housing

More funding for non-profits, where people gather.

Safe drop-in for children and caregivers. More hours

Low barrier detox shelter

Sobering centre

Low barrier socialization spots

Provide a downtown building (the empty grocery store beside the liquor store) where people who are drinking/drank can be: inside, warm and safe w/ some social counselling and health support

More dry events, dances, dinners, socials

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Gathering Spaces (7 dots)

Need a place for youth to gather safely in downtown Whitehorse

First Nations club, PC doesn't have it

Shelters (3 dots)

Homeless shelter for women of all ages and situations (as opposed to just fleeing violence)

Find the resources to open "Angel's Nest" fully, so youth have a safe place to go at night

Formal training for shelter workers. Ex. Sensitivity training, communication skills

More funding for VFWC

Provide more shelters, outreach workers to frequented places

ARC for women

Safe places to be in winter when shelters are closed. What about church basements?

Harm Reduction (3 dots)

safe place, home-like, listeners

They need to know about harm reduction, buddy system

Educate on harmful effects of substances

Detox and aftercare

Attitudes + Education (3 dots)

Need more public support- less judgement, more empathy

Attitudes + Education (3 dots)

Coordinate our efforts to catch everyone

Truly see people and connect with them. No judgement

Stop saying 'us' and 'them'

Up safety by downing barriers to help. Help available 24/7. Registry and information sharing for vulnerable people

Up to 20% of the population is dyslexic. Many severe. Why has our department of education dropped the kind of reading programs needed?

Let's have a public convention about what "safety" means to people

Have we asked the vulnerable people?

Challenge few and model community by interacting with all people in our community

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Outreach (2 dots)

Outreach workers- to be able to move around and access some of these areas

Outreach/support workers located in high risk downtown locations to support/liaison w/ youth

Outreach staff to meet folks where they are at

More outreach workers

"Safe walk" service and public phones

Peer models of outreach and support

Community based outreach that visits areas where vulnerable people gather

Lower escarpment outreach

Transport (2 dots)

Looking for change \$ for bus? access to supply on bus route

Safe transport for youth

Free rides, more busses

Safe drive home for locals

Public Buildings (1 dot)

Place to belong - access to food, Wi-Fi connection, safe and warm at CGC. Bus route. Place to hide

Downtown Lighting + Monitoring

Lower escarpment lighting and monitoring and outreach

River trail, more monitoring, more access

Designated patrol on River trail, 6th ave trail. Talk to tourists, bus drivers and vulnerable people. More education for RCMP, SP constables

Downtown streets/alleys. After dark, more lighting, especially during the dark months

Sufficient staffing to monitor public buildings

Lower escarpment parks: more lighting

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Policing/ Monitoring

Mental health workers accompanying RCMP

Police bike patrols

More By-law presence

RCMP walking to beat - downtown

Increased security. - lighting, surveillance, security/monitor public locations, designated areas of help

24/7

Implement a Yukon FN police force - include FN people at all levels

Provide options other than jail. -mental health help, addictions assistance

98 Hotel and 202 - scan the vulture drug dealers (crack) outside

Perhaps not 'police' but trained walking people or teams to visit the places where people naturally gather, to offer resources and ensure the safety of all. We are a small city. It is possible for us to become a leader in supporting people.

Recognize that people need public spaces that offer warmth and safety

Health and Wellness

Up social workers and First Nations Liaisons at Whitehorse General Hospital to help when folks are in crisis/ready to change

Partnerships and access to resources at CGC. - partnerships to provide youth with healthy meals on a regular basis at CGC. - partnerships to provide access to medical advice (RN) at CGC

Comprehensive response that is not police. Someone (organization) to call when seeing someone in need. - How to intervene in risky behaviour?

Services for after-care - follow-up

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Hidden Homelessness

Couch surfing

Housing in exchange for....

High risk 'beacons'

Hostels

Adult VPs tend to hang out along the river bank.
Youth VPs tend to hide out near the clay cliffs

Areas of seclusion near available sources of
alcohol or where drugs can be bought/sold

Fast food restaurants - My teens work in them,
so I know first hand

Comfort zone - own home

Have heard of people living in outdoor sheds
and vehicles

Don't forget those who are isolated. Many more
of those? Create a Registry?

Large Gathering Areas

Canada Games Centre

Porter Creek Mall

Parking lot at downtown grocery stores

Skookum Jim Friendship centre

Yukon College (night)

Kwanlin Dun village and trails

Takhini Trailer Park and Northland. b/c
sometimes it's 'affordable' for the working poor
populations

Let people know who live here and who are
visiting that street people are harmless

Lack of education. We are feeling scared of the
wrong people

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5. Locations

What locations in the city attract vulnerable people?

How can we improve safety for them, other citizens, and visitors?

Downtown Locations

Liquor store

Parks

River trail

Front St.

Alleyways

Elijah Smith Building

Under wharf

Salvation army

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Food Bank

Bus stops, especially ones with shelters and near the liquor store (on 2nd ave)

Hotels

The hospital (ER)

Victoria Faulkner

Superstore parking lot

Just outside the KDCC lot

Public library

Sally's sisters program

Downtown door way entrances

Social assistance office

Timmies

Chilkoot Hotel

Downtown Locations

Riverview hotel

Traditional use of river for generations

Secluded, private access

Individuals isolate themselves if not felt to be accepted either because of situation or behaviour. Lack of access to emergency services or ability to call