

An Environmental Scan of Promising Practices of Shelter/Housing that Support Aging in the Right Place for Older People Experiencing Homelessness in Montreal, Calgary, and Vancouver

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Study Purpose

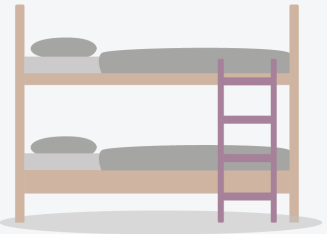
What shelter/housing options, supports, and interventions have been developed for older people (age 50+) who are currently or formerly experiencing homelessness in an international context?

Methods

- Environmental scan in three cities: collected data from Internet and print materials on shelter/housing models that promote aging in the right place for OPEH, as well as informal conversations with providers
- 51 health, housing, and social service providers and 38 OPEH participated in one of three World Cafés (held in Montréal, Calgary, and Vancouver)
- Final list of promising practices categorized into six shelter/housing types along a continuum

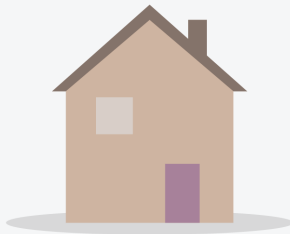
Continuum of Shelter / Housing Types

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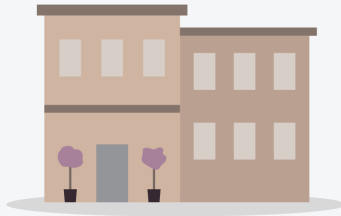
Emergency, temporary, or transitional shelter/ housing with supports

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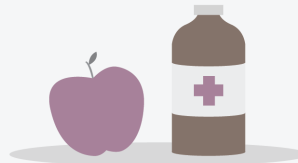
Independent housing with offsite supports

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Supported independent housing with onsite non-medical supports

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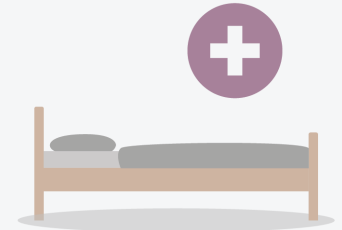
Permanent supportive housing with onsite medical and / or specialized services

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Long-term care

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Palliative care / hospice

Conclusions & Implications

- Findings offer template of a shelter/housing continuum needed for diverse OPEH to age in the right place and highlight concrete, real-world examples of shelter/housing for OPEH
- Categorizing promising practices offers a mechanism by which other regions can audit their existing shelter/housing options for OPEH and determine where there may be gaps in supporting OPEH to age in the right place
- Few promising practices specialize in meeting the cultural needs of racial minority OPEH and none were found that serve sexual minority OPEH

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