

New West Community Poverty Reduction

Promising Practices



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Engagement ideas



<p>Q1 ¿Es usted hombre o mujer?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hombre</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mujer</p>	<p>Q1 您是男性还是女性?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 男性</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 女性</p>	<p>Q1 Ydych chi'n wrydych chi'n benyw?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gwryw</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Benyw</p>
<p>Q2 ¿Qué edad tiene?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> De 16 a 24</p> <p><input type="radio"/> De 25 a 44</p> <p><input type="radio"/> De 45 a 64</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 65 o más</p>	<p>Q2 您的年龄?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 16 – 24</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 25 – 44</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 45 – 64</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 65+</p>	<p>Q2 Faint oed ydych chi'n wrydych chi'n benyw?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 16 i 24</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 25 i 44</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 45 i 64</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 65+</p>

Report content itself

Poverty is the condition in which people lack the resources, means, choices and opportunities to maintain self sufficiency and a quality of life that supports basic needs, dignity, and meaningful participation in the community.

MEET RAJAT AND SARAH

Rajat and Sarah are a young couple living and working in Langley. Rajat works in retail and makes minimum wage in the service industry and Sarah is currently unemployed due to an injury while working as a landscaper last year. Sarah was a contractor so did not qualify for Employment Insurance and is relying on Income Assistance.

With a reduced income, they are finding it very hard to keep up with the rising costs. Every couple of months they use payday loans, which they have not been able to pay back given the high interest and fees. They have started using the food bank, and near the end of the month they often have to skip meals.

They are grateful to live downtown as Rajat can walk to work but their rent is too high. Rajat would love to get a better job, but most positions require a car, which would be a significant cost they cannot afford, even with a higher income. Rajat would love to go back to school, but it is not possible in their current financial situation. It feels like no matter what they do, they are not able to catch up.

- Rajat and Sarah can only afford \$1000 per

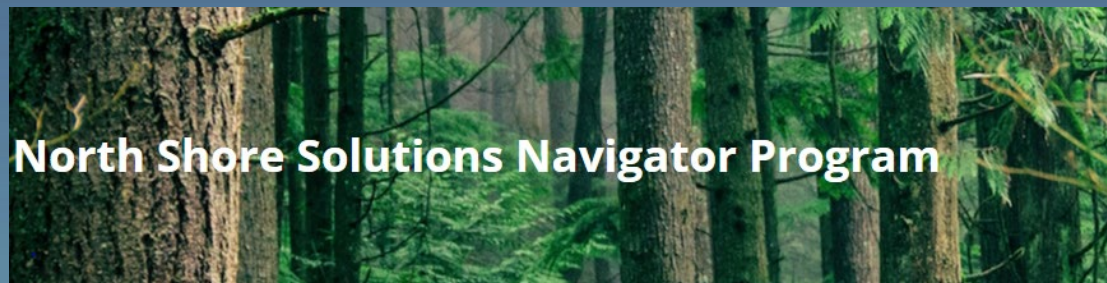
We don't see our friends anymore. We can't afford to go out to dinner, and we are feeling embarrassed.

I'd like to get back to work, we keep falling behind every month. It's so stressful.

If we could just get back on our feet, we could go to school and get better paying jobs.



Actions – mental health, food security, system navigation



North Shore Solutions Navigator Program

Actions – advocacy, recognition, campaigns



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