

Analyzing Data Gaps in Montreal's Homeless Network



What is it?

Seeks to gauge the resilience of Montreal's current data collection systems in serving the homeless community's health needs, both preempting and during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Why is it needed?



COVID-19 has exposed vulnerabilities in the shelter and housing systems and the data collection methods that help them function. **"Invisible"** homeless refers to the homeless population that go undocumented due to lack of interaction with support services within the city. We have also observed **"Invisible Networks,"**; resources and networks that exist to help this population but are not being accessed due to lack of internalized coordination between shelters, housing initiatives, and social services.

How it works?

Improving and standardizing inter-organizational data accumulation techniques to gauge health indicators and health crises in the homeless population of Montreal. Even the best designed software tools cannot function without sufficient data to provide accurate and effective insight and predictions concerning this population.

Outcomes

Reducing the data gaps within the homeless population, encouraging research and development and support of technologies to aid in data collection, as well as further establishing transitional housing, supportive housing, subsidized housing, market rental housing.



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