



Beyond Bricks and Mortar Webinar Series: Lessons Learned in Operating Second-Stage Housing Resources

Thank you for joining the Lessons Learned in Operating Second Stage Housing Webinar! Below are some resources to accompany the training:

- [Women's Shelters Canada: Breaking the Cycle of Abuse and Closing the Housing Gap: Second Stage Shelters in Canada](#)

Women's Shelters Canada conducted a research study Breaking the Cycle of Abuse and Closing the Housing Gap: Second Stage Shelters in Canada. This study is the first of its kind in Canada to examine the spectrum of supports for survivors of IPV and how second stage shelters address and close housing gaps and break the cycle of abuse.

- [Women's Shelters Canada: Exploring Approaches to Second Stage Shelter in British Columbia & Quebec](#)

This webinar discusses trends at the national level and explores two specific approaches to second stage shelter in more depth. This session will be of particular interest to shelters and organizations that are thinking of opening a second stage shelter and working to identify an approach that works in their context.

- [BCSTH: Policy Template Guide](#)

This guide offers samples of policy to assist BC Society of Transition Houses' member organizations (Transition Houses, Second Stage Houses and Safe Homes) that are interested in developing agency policy about their programs, personnel, safety and security, health and safety and emergency preparedness.

- [BCSTH: Sheltering Pets and People](#)

This toolkit, which was adapted from the C.A.R.E. Handbook, offers an overview of the connections between violence against women and animals, as well as a broad range of practical tools and strategies for supporting pets in Transition House, Second Stage and Safe Home programs, including sample policies and forms.

- [BC Housing: Understanding Women's Second Stage Housing Programs in BC](#)

The purpose of this study is to gain a better understanding of how the BC Housing funded second stage housing programs operate. This includes looking at the services provided, housing form, and staffing models.

The report can be used by second stage program providers to learn how other second stage housing programs operate. This report will also inform policy and program decisions. As well, this report can be used by housing providers considering or developing new second stage housing programs. *Please note, this study is from 2012.*

[Community Legal Assistance Society \(CLAS\): Non-Profit Housing and the Residential Tenancy Act:](#)

This article outlines the key differences between Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing.

[BCNPHA: Policy & Tenancy Templates](#)

BCNPHA has created a series of policy templates to help to make developing policies and procedures easier. These templates are designed as a dynamic tool that provides users with options on a variety of topics that they can customize to develop their own policies and procedures, including financial management, administration, maintenance, and tenants.

Remember that BCSTH Members have access to helpful operations resources in the BCSTH Member portal.

If you have any questions or would like to share a resource with the BCSTH Membership, please email, Jess at jessicagoerzen@gmail.com