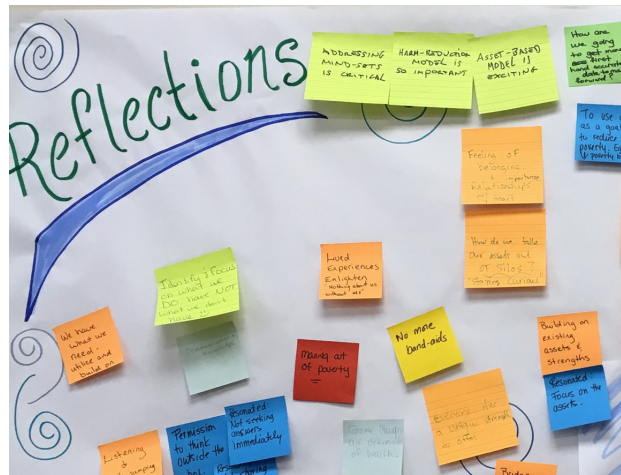


Poverty Game Changers

ACTION UPDATE SUMMER 2019



REMEMBER THOSE 10 GOOD IDEAS?

Here's what we've been working on!



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Business at its Best - we collected examples of employment practices that support good work environments, celebrated the employers, and shared the results to the community.



What Works - we hosted a day long event with employers and community services to explore solutions to the gap between the labour shortage and job seekers with employment barriers. Several initiatives have been launched as a result, including the WL Hiring Initiative to provide online resources for employers, employer networking events focused on addressing human resources challenges, and the first steps in developing a temp agency and/or day labour project. Details are in the What Works event Action Plan Update.



Mental Health Awareness - United Way has a Community Wellness Manager who is focused on reducing stigma, providing information, and increasing awareness and access to mental health supports in the community. Counselling services at CMHA also now have increased capacity to provide free support services.



Financial Literacy - Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy received funding from Red Cross to increase their financial literacy support and training. Denisiqi Family Services is also providing an Adulting 101 program over the summer for youth 15-19.



School Food Programs - A working group has submitted a funding application to convene stakeholders involved in school food programs to identify how we can improve food security and access to food in schools. The project will be a partnership between School District 27, Thrive and the Food Policy Council.



Child Care and Early Childhood Education - Social Planning Council and the City of Williams Lake secured funding to complete a Child Care Needs Assessment and Action plan to identify the specific child care needs for our community, including ECE staff.