

FAQ for Correctional Facilities

Naatamooskakowin provides:

Referrals to Housing First, Rapid Re-housing and ACT programming.
All referral programs require daily to weekly home visits from Caseworkers.

What is a Sharing Experience?

Access Point staff who are trained to listen for certain themes that will help identify what supports would be most helpful for a person.

For a list of Access points call 211 or visit our Website www.endhomelessnesswinnipeg.ca
Have any questions related to Naatamooskakowin call our Organizational Support Officer 204-451-7055

Who is a good referral?

People who are homeless/houseless for *6+ months AND have one or more co-occurring conditions like: Mental Health, Substance Use, and/or Physical Health Conditions

What is a Warm Handoff?

The participant, Access Point, and the new caseworker from the participants new program, meet together to create a connection.

Things to consider when connecting someone who is incarcerated

Participant-Led Approach: Empower individuals to guide their own personal goals and needs.

- Open to In-Home Supports
- Co-Occurring Conditions
- Transition Planning: Match participants with supports approximately 1 month prior to release, as vacancies allow.
- Release Criteria: Participants sent for sharing's must be scheduled for release within the next 6 months

How is the Information Stored?

Many Lived Experts said they don't want to share their story more than once. Naatamooskakowin uses a secure system - the HIFIS Shared Services Partnership

- People accessing Naatamooskakowin have consent explained to them and sign a consent form.
- Organizations are only allowed to look at someone's information if they need it to help that person. Staff can't share information with organizations that aren't in the partnership without permission

Is Naatamooskakowin a good fit?



Is the person experiencing homelessness/houselessness?

If not, Naatamooskakowin is not the right fit.

How long have they been without a home?

People who have been experiencing homelessness for at least *6 months in the past year, or 18+ months in the past 3 years.

This means any type of homelessness, including couch surfing and living unsheltered.

Do they have mental health, disability, or substance-use concerns?

Individuals must have at least one concern to qualify.

Do they have good support from family or friends?

People who are disconnected from family and friends are more likely to need the formal supports.

Are they already working with another program/agency?

If they already have support program (PACT, CFS, CLDS, CEDVIP, FACT) or a housing first program, inquire back to avoid duplication of services.

Are they Pregnant, have dependent children, and/or are youth ages 18-25?

Pregnant people, people with dependent children, and/or youth are an urgent priority, however, they **do not have to wait the initial 6 months**, but they must have at least one co-occurring condition.

Are they Indigenous?

Due to the over representation of Indigenous people experiencing houselessness they **do not have to wait the initial 6 months**, however, they must have at least one co-occurring condition.