Homeward Bound
5 Year Retrospective Evaluation Summary

WoodGreen received funding from the Local Poverty Reduction Fund to evaluate our flagship Homeward Bound program. The goal of this work is to build a body of evidence to understand what programs truly work for Ontarians living in poverty.

As part of this work, WoodGreen engaged external evaluation experts at Constellation Consulting Group to objectively assess the impact of Homeward Bound on single mothers who have graduated since 2012. The objective has been to better understand the outcomes, successes and challenges of Homeward Bound so that the program can be continuously improved and effectively scaled going forward.

The evaluation revealed important learning about the impact of Homeward Bound. The outcomes are remarkable. We examined changes in housing status, employment, and income source from when survey respondents began Homeward Bound to where they reported they are today.

Full Report: http://www.woodgreen.org/2018HBReport.aspx

In total, **50** unique Homeward Bound graduates participated in the survey

Upon Intake:

46% of survey respondents were living in a shelter (homeless shelter or women's shelter)

Nearly two thirds of survey respondents (**64%**) had Grade 12 or less as their highest level of education

94% of survey respondents were unemployed

90% of participants were accessing social assistance at an average income of $11,645 per year

Within 5 years of Graduating from Homeward Bound:

94% of survey respondents are stably housed: 67% are now living in market rentals and 8% now own their own home

100% of survey respondents who graduated Homeward Bound have completed a college degree in an employable field

88% of survey respondents are currently employed, on leave or in school

On average, full-time employed survey respondents reported earning approximately **$43,000** per year

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