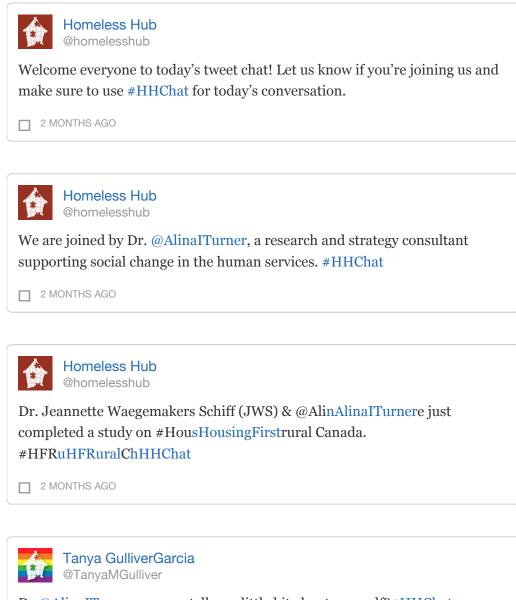
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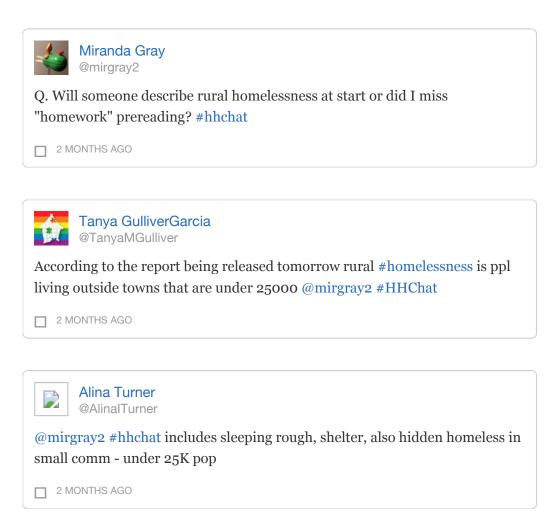
For this tweet chat we were joined by Dr. Alina Turner who spoke of her latest research findings from the Housing First in Rural Canada report. The study examined rural homelessness dynamics in 22 communities spanning Canada's provinces and territories.



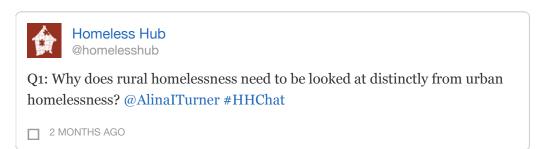
Dr @AlinaITurner can you tell us a little bit about yourself?#HHChat

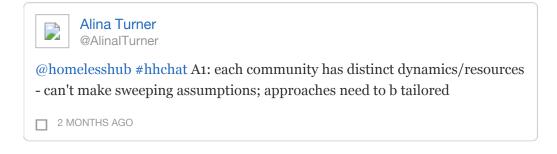


A bit of clarification about what rural homelessness means.

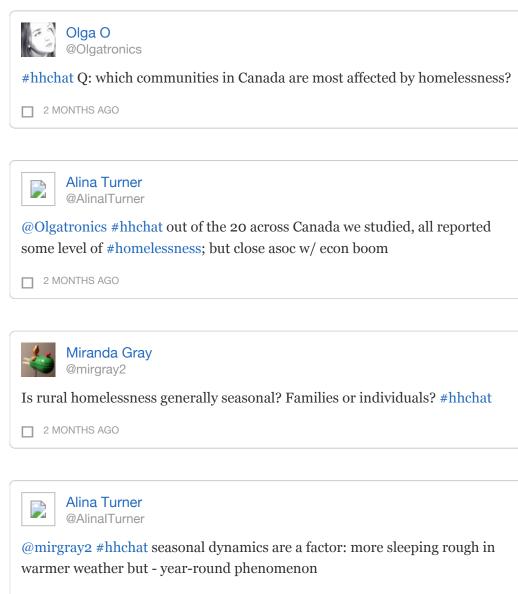


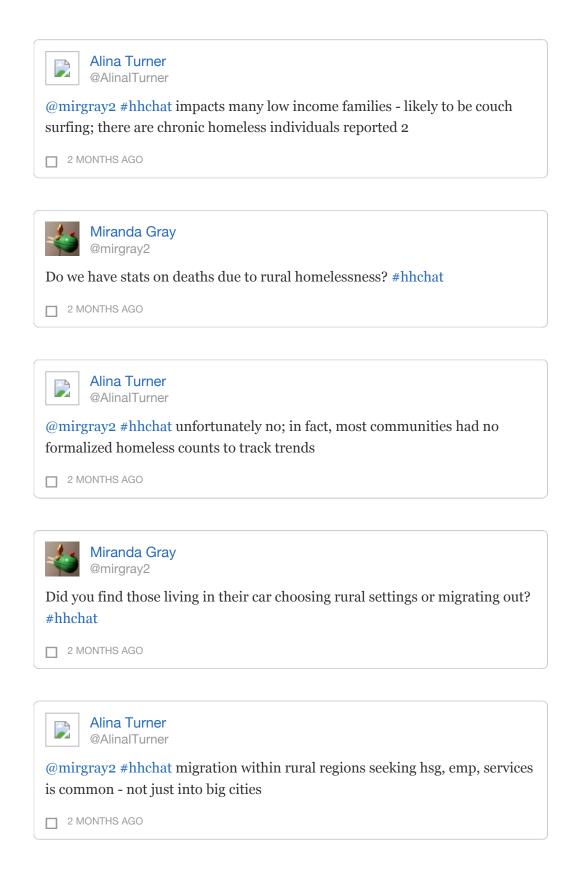
We delved straight in by asking why rural homelessness is an important research area:

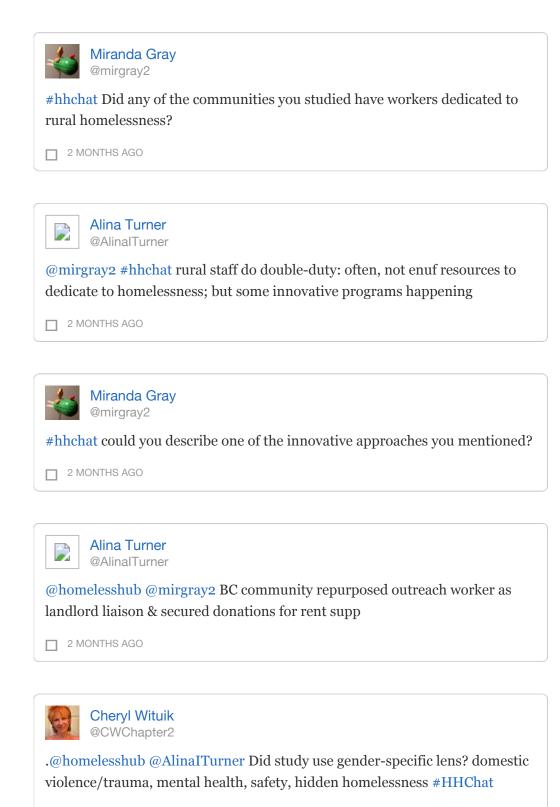


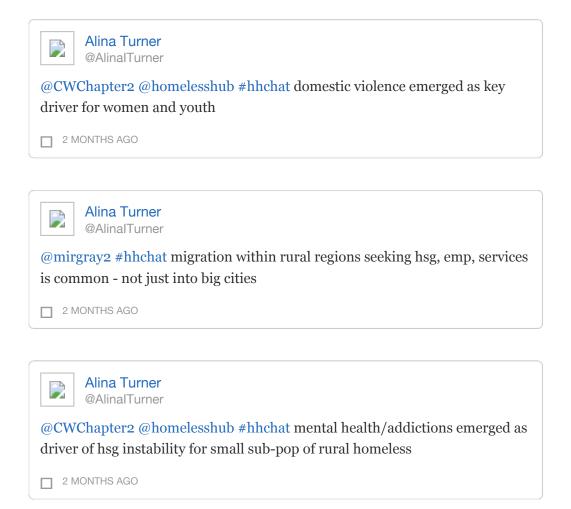


We received some great questions from our participants on the findings of the study:

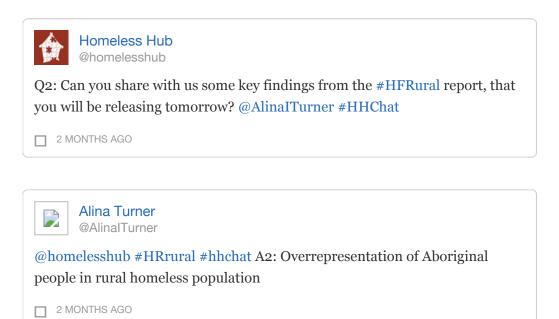








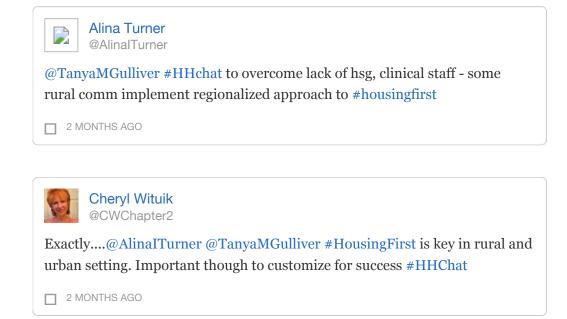
Dr. Alina Turner and Dr. Jeannette Waegemakers Schiff's study found that Aboriginal Peoples were overrepresented in the rural homeless population:



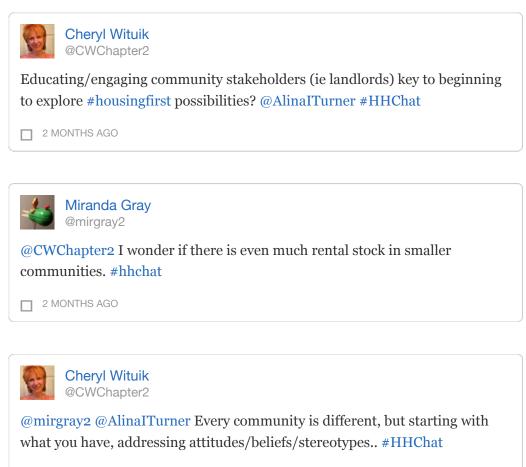


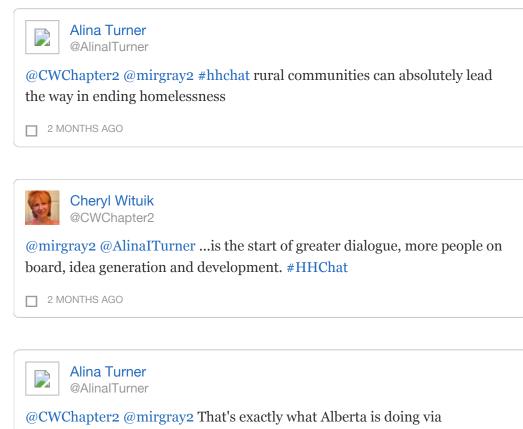
Alina and Jeannette's research found that rural communities have different challenges when it comes to implementing Housing First:

Tanya GulliverGarcia @TanyaMGulliver
Since rural communities don't always have the service infrastructure. Are #housingfirst supports still possible? #HHchat @AlinaITurner
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Alina Turner @AlinalTurner
@TanyaMGulliver @HousingFirst innovative adaptation happening in rural Canada - but have diff challenges #HHChat
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Alina Turner @AlinalTurner
:@TanyaMGulliver #hhchat A1: It's not abt whether Hsf 1st can work in rural Canada: but how
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Unique considerations need to be made for rural communities:





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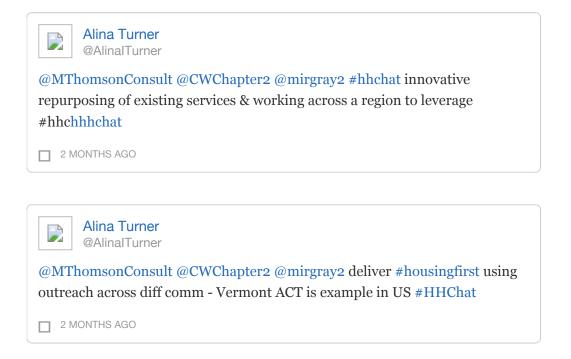


@mirgray2 @CWChapter2 In some communities, no formal rental stock exists to begin with; fluctuations in economy tough 2 absorb #HHChat

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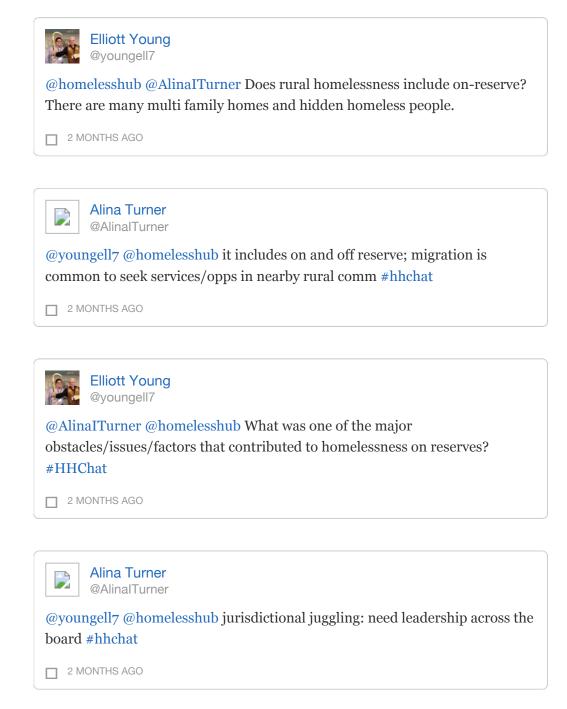
@AlinaITurner @CWChapter2 @mirgray2 resources are often stretched thin in rural communities-what's cost effective as an approach?



Sean French wondered whether the small town feel of rural communities might help to implement the Housing First method:

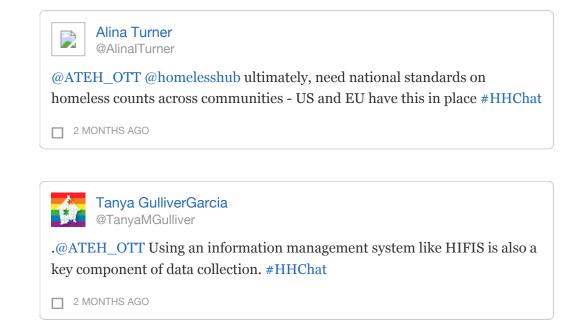
Sean French @SeanFrench1 @AlinaITurner @TanyaMGulliver A1: thinking that rural housing availability
and smaller town feel might help w Hsg 1st?
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Alina Turner   @AlinalTurner
@SeanFrench1 @TanyaMGulliver to an extent: ltd. # of landlords, can b harder to get buy-in; small town may 'deny' issue
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What about on-reserve homelessness in rural regions?

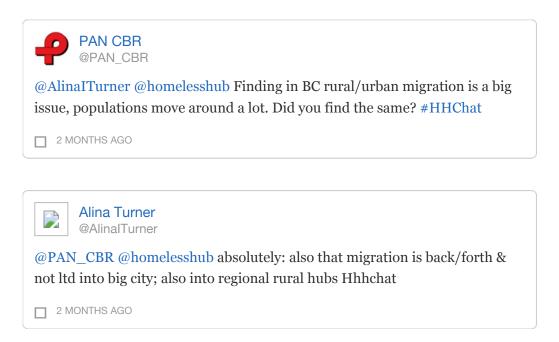


Alina Turner also addressed a question on data collection and best practices:



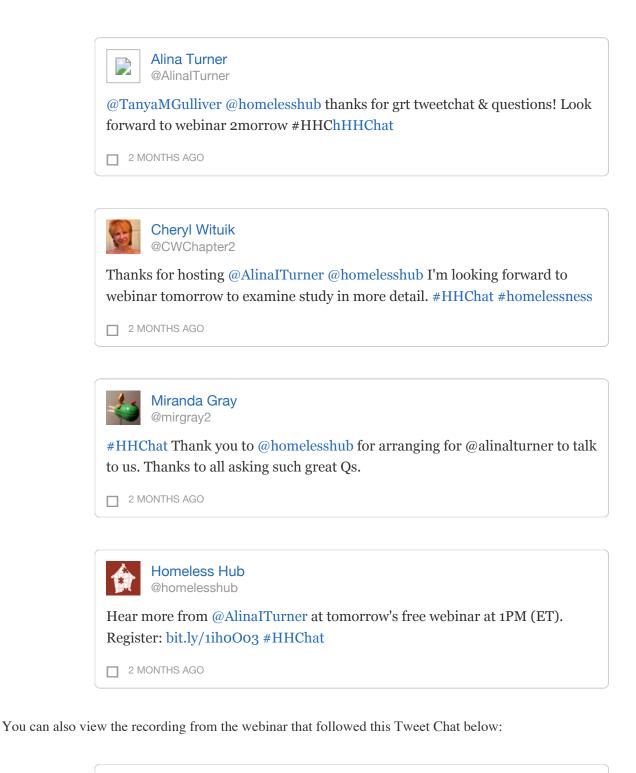


National standards on homeless counts need to be established. Migration is another consideration worth mentioning:



Overall, it was a successful chat and we touched on some really important topics.





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The full Housing First in Rural Canada report by Jeannette Waegemakers Schiff and Alina Turner can be downloaded below:

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Our next chat will be in August. All of the details can be found at homelesshub.ca/HHChat

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