In the fall of 2018, BIST received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant for a Homeless Prevention Coordinator (HPC) who assisted 32 individuals living with brain injury over a 1-year period in securing housing. Here are the results.

**IMPORTANT FACTS**

- 20% of participants did not have a valid health card or know where to get one
- Almost half of participants were disconnected from primary health care services, partly because they felt they could not articulate their concerns effectively to their doctor.
- 20% of participants did not have a valid health card or know where to get one
- Over half of participants only had the HPC to come with them to attend appointments etc.
- Relationships with family/friends had deteriorated to being non-existent.

**ENTERED THE PROGRAM PRECARIOUSLY OR INSECURELY HOUSED**

- 60%

**ENTERED THE PROGRAM HOMELESS OR TRANSIENT**

- 40%

**WERE SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING HOUSING**

- 64%

**100% OF PARTICIPANTS**

- Demonstrated cognitive impairments
- Required assistance initiating searches
- Needed help with housing providers, medical professionals & other service providers

- Were experiencing a mental health issue: 69%
- Were determined to be illiterate: 25%
- Were socially disconnected: 56%

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Advocate to reinstate the Toronto Housing Allowance Program (THAP) & increase social assistance rates to align with the Toronto Housing Market standard.
- Secure funding to support participants with the difference in rental payments for what they afford and what the actual cost is.
- Ensure income taxes are filed so participants receive all the benefits they are entitled to.
- Apply for all entitlements (diet, transportation, criminal injury, Trillium Drug Benefit etc.)
- Assist participants on ODSP to secure a transit pass

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