

Healing in Community

Tamara's House Residence Evaluation
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Tamara's House

- *Saskatoon-based feminist non-profit organization*
- *Healing from CSA*
- *Ministry Social Services*
- *Aboriginal Healing Foundation*

History

- *Incorporated 1991*
- *Dream of a healing residence*
- *New building - 2002*
- *January, 2003 – Residence opened*

Residence

- *Only one*
- *No pre-existing framework, theory, model*
- *Developed collaboratively*
- *Grounded in theory & practice*

Principles

- *Self directed healing*
- *Trust in the resilience, strength and capability of each woman*
- *Underlying structural issue of power relationships need to be considered and openly negotiated if healing is to occur*

Logic Model

- *Intake process*
- *Voice*
- *Boundaries*
- *Life Skills*

Evaluation

- *Consistent with philosophy*
 - *participatory*
 - *emergent*
- *Measuring self-directed healing*

Evaluation

- 1. Lit. & org. docs reviewed*
- 2. Key informant interviews*
- 3. Case studies*
- 4. Guided journaling – staff*
- 5. Data analysis*
- 6. Recommendations*

Questions

- *Relevance*
- *Implementation*
- *Success*

Relevance

Implementation

Success/Impact

Strengths

- *Clearly articulated philosophy & theory*
- *Openness to diverse views/approaches*
- *Accessible, responsive & fluid programming*
- *Team strengths (critical reflection, vision)*
- *Healing environment*

Challenges

- *Adequate resources (intake, monitoring)*
- *GAS*
- *Cultural competency*
- *Resources (staff development, follow-up, program growth)*

Evaluation Recommendations

- 1. Continue the development of evaluation methods that address long term & complex issues and programs*
- 2. Recruitment issues*
- 3. Community stakeholders*

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