

Health & Social Service Networking & Partnership Initiative (HSSNPI)

The Lower North Shore Coalition for Health, the Director of Programs and support staff at the Coasters Association have been very busy throughout 2015-2016. In the last year the partners have worked on an Ecosystemic approach triennial plan for improving the health and wellbeing of residents 18-50 years of age. The Ecosystemic plan for 18-50 builds off the triennial plan for 0-17 years olds developed in 2014-2015.

Throughout the next three (3) years, the Lower North Shore Coalition for Health will be working with the communities and population of 18-50 years olds to improve three primary indicator areas:

- Levels of income
- Education rates
- Social support systems

Thus going to the root of the health issues and improving the health of the communities in the areas of:

- Chronic Illness
- Mental health
- Substance abuse issues

In order to accomplish this plan, the partners and communities have developed the following vision, priorities, and strategies.

Our Vision:

The Lower North Shore: Citizens are proud to live, work and visit, because we are an accessible, sustainable and equitable region.

Our Region's Priorities:

To achieve our vision for the Lower North Shore Region, we are focusing on four strategic priorities:

- The health and well-being of our citizens
- Education
- Employment
- Transportation

Our Success Strategy:

We will be successful by investing in:

- Collaboration
 - We will collaborate across our communities and our organizations.

- We will represent ourselves as a cohesive region – the Lower North Shore.
- We will work to align our municipal or regional plans with this plan.
- Citizens
 - We will build on the pride and compassion of our citizens.
 - We will build their ownership and commitment to the Lower North Shore.
 - We will build on their desire to live and work on the Lower North Shore.
- Capacity
 - We will build our own capacity by working together.
 - We will become better political advocates for the Lower North Shore.
 - We will use the five pillars of social development in our plan.
 - We will focus on communicating about our efforts and successes.
- Inclusiveness
 - We will reach out across our communities to make sure they that feel a part of the plan including our Innu and Romaine communities.

To implement this plan will require all citizens to work together with local partners, institutions and government. As we know that the population base in the vulnerable communities has continued to diminish, we have many challenges ahead of us; but the people of the Lower North Shore are very resilient people and together we can build a stronger healthier Lower North Shore.

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