



# Housing Collaborative Group

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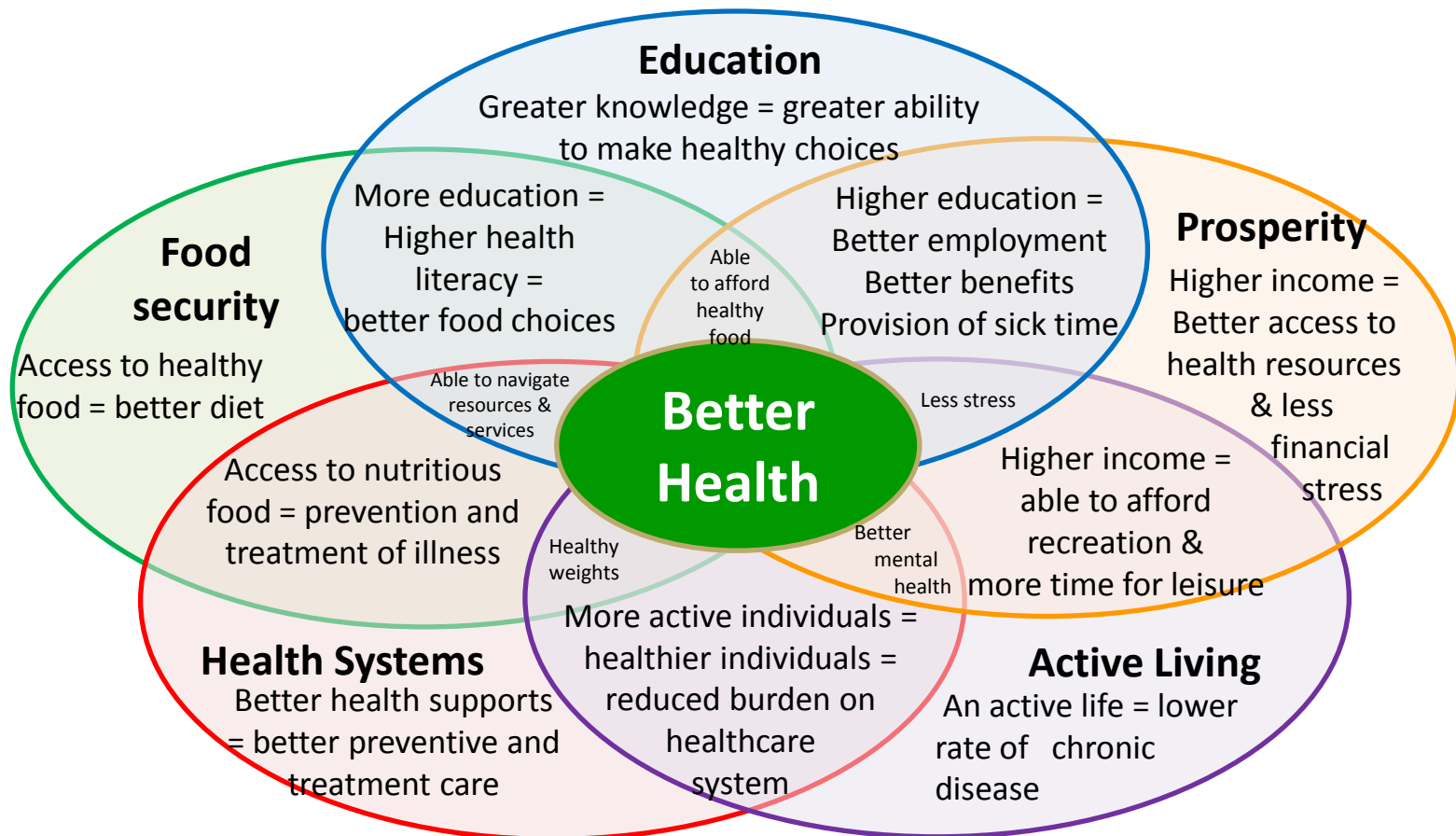


# Short History

- ***Health Equity Coalition***
  - Health Equity Forum March 5, 2015.
- **Healthy Brantford**
  - Between 2015 & 2016, the group evolved
- **Grand River Healthy Communities**
  - Work expanded within the County of Brant and deepen partnerships with the Indigenous communities.

# About the Priorities

**Optimal physical, mental, and spiritual health** do not occur in isolation but are a result of all aspects of an individual's life: Education, food security, prosperity, active living, and access to supportive health systems





- Housing Collaborative Development
  - Prosperity Forum (September 2017)
    - Housing
    - Safe Neighborhoods
    - Income
  - Housing Networking Event (April 2018)
    - 17 Housing organizations across the region attended



- Organizational needs assessment
  - Questions re the following
    - Demographics of populations served
    - Greatest needs of your group/organization
    - Greatest assets of your group/organization
    - Greatest group/organizational wish
  - 15 organizations/community groups presented

# Organizations Represented

- City of Brantford
- Brantford Native Housing
- St. Leonards
- YMCA
- Salvation Army
- Wesley Urban Ministries
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Aboriginal Health Centre
- Community Legal Clinic
- NPAAMB
- Woodview
- Lanewood Development Corp
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community Living Brant
- Parker's Project
- Brantford Landlord Association
- Participation House Brantford
- Six Nations Social Services
- Jaycee Homes
- Brant County Health Unit



## Identified Themes

- Needs
  - Affordable Housing
  - More available units
  - Elimination of discrimination due to age and race
- Assets
  - Staff/employees
  - Access to funding, land, partnerships opportunities



- Housing collaborative decided to formally define itself
- A vision & mission statements were developed
  - objectives





## **Who are we?**

An inclusive Group of Housing Stakeholders (users/providers) working towards housing solutions within our community

## **Vision:**

Housing solutions for everyone



## **Mission:**

To promote the creation of housing solutions for all and eliminate housing related discrimination

## **Objectives:**

- Raise awareness about social challenges
- Work towards eliminating housing barriers



## **Objectives (continued):**

- Promote the creation of affordable housing solutions for all
- Promote the creation of housing supports to help individual remain housed
- Foster partnerships with development stakeholders



## **Objectives (continued):**

- Support homelessness serving agencies and populations
- Create tools for the development of housing solutions



## Next Steps

- Operationalize our objectives
  - Complete this task
- Upcoming projects
  - Media campaign
  - Developing tools for landlords/property managers to communicate with residents
  - Developing peer to peer housing supports



# Questions?

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