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# CLOSING THE GAP: AN IMPLEMENTATION EVALUATION OF THE YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM

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# *Preliminary Findings*

## Youth in Transition

- Importance of engagement
- Counselling and coordination support valued by clients
- Successes – returns to school, employment, stable housing, improved quality of life

## Case Management

- Case manager's role as “parent, coach, counsellor, and case manager”
- Case managers creatively filling service gaps

# Urban and Rural Experiences

- Transportation
- Housing
- Availability of services



# Strengths

- Development and strengthening of community partnerships
- Flexibility built into the program

# Challenges

- Program relies on available community services
- Limited youth-appropriate services
- Program structure