

SITUATION TABLES

A hub model for community safety in British Columbia



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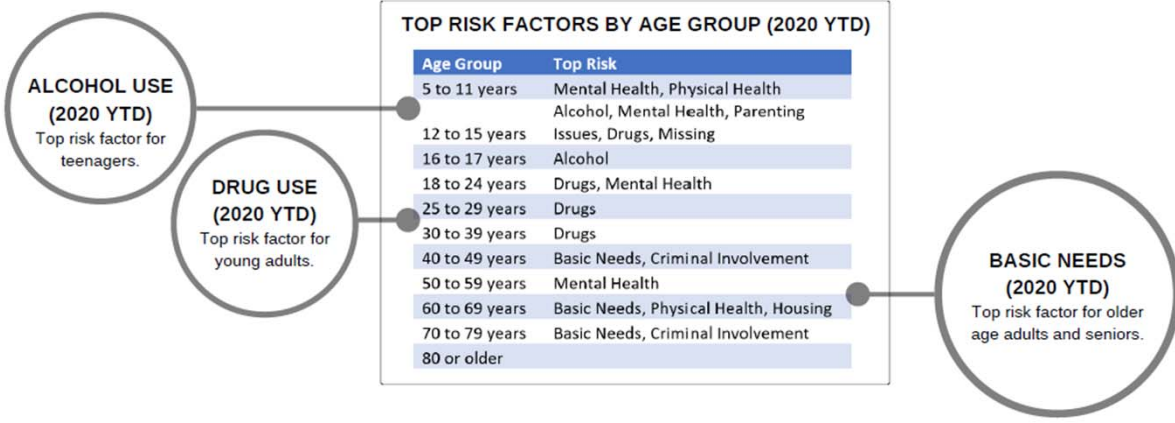
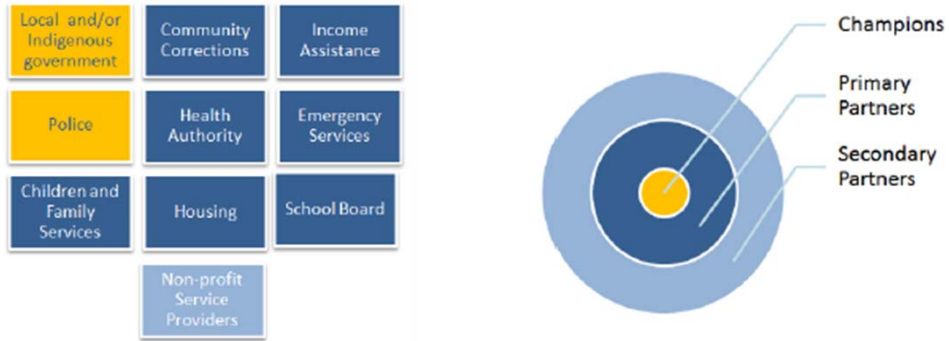
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What is a Situation Table?

- A community hub where agencies come together regularly to identify clients that have needs outside of the scope of any two participating organizations.
- This hub model allows organizations to plan and execute a coordinated response so that the vulnerable person receives interventions before a traumatic event occurs. (e.g. Victimization, overdose, eviction, etc.)
- By better connecting vulnerable people to services and supports this tool can prevent crisis and social disorder.

Who participates in Situation Tables?



	ALL OPERATIONAL TABLES (2020 YTD)	ALL OPERATIONAL TABLES (2019)
DISCUSSIONS	69	374
AVERAGE NUMBER OF AGENCIES INVOLVED*	4.9	5
TOP REASON FOR CLOSURE	Overall Risk Lowered - Connected to Services	Overall Risk Lowered - Connected to Services
AVERAGE NUMBER OF RISK FACTORS	9.6	9.8
TOTAL NUMBER OF RISK FACTORS	654	3,541
TOP RISK FACTORS	Mental Health, Drugs, Basic Needs, Housing	Mental Health, Drugs, Basic Needs, Housing
TOP ORIGINATING AGENCY	Police	Police
TOP LEAD AGENCY	Fraser Health Authority	Police
MOST COMMON DISCUSSION AGE GROUP	30-39	30-39

*The term agency is a broad category and may include a number of smaller agencies offering similar services.

Next Steps that I need you to take:

- The City of Nanaimo organizing a meeting for Ministry staff to present the Situation Table model to the Nanaimo-based agencies and non-profits that might form Nanaimo's Situation Table; and
- If it wished to proceed, Council providing a letter of support for the establishment of a Situation Table in Nanaimo, and for requesting a grant for this purpose.

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What is a Situation Table?

Situation Tables identify and reduce the risks present in the lives of vulnerable people. The table enables agencies to:

- Proactively identify risks through real time information sharing
- Leverage and coordinate existing community assets and relationships
- Plan and deliver collaborative interventions before an incident response is required
- Reduce the level of risk with which vulnerable people are living

What Does a Situation Table Do?

Participating agencies:

- Meet regularly for 80 to 90 minutes
- Refer situations when it appears a client is facing risks that extend beyond their mandate
- Use an Information Sharing Protocol to determine if the referred client is living with a duty elevated risk

People Living with Acutely Elevated Risk:

- Risk factors are beyond the scope of any two participating agencies
- Recent events have increased the probability of harm or victimization
- Conditions have reached a point where a crisis is foreseeable

If the referral is accepted:

- Relevant agencies share sufficient information to determine risk factors
- Plan an intervention to occur within 24-48 hours

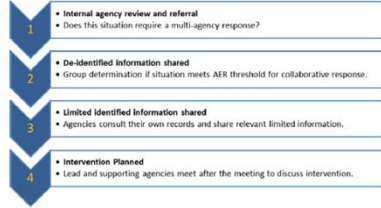
Who Participates in a Situation Table?



How do Situation Tables Work?



How is Information Shared?



Who do Situation Tables Serve?



Benefits of Situation Tables

- Partner Agencies are able to:
- Establish clear rules and procedures for information sharing
 - Identify at-risk or vulnerable people
 - Proactively connect people to appropriate risk mitigation services
 - Share responsibility for personal wellbeing and community safety
- Communities are able to:
- Reduce demand on emergency and police services, and
 - Improve residents' wellbeing
- Clients are able to:
- Increase their awareness and use of services
 - Reduce their risk of harm or victimization

