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# Development and Implementation of Employment and Housing Power Week



## Curriculum For Next Steps

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### Room In The Inn

Room In the Inn is a homeless resource center located in downtown Nashville, TN. Participants have access to essential services year-round including emergency services, transitional programs, and personal care services. Staff members and volunteers strive to create community each day through one-on-one and group interactions.

### Mission & Values

**Mission:** "To provide programs that emphasize human development and recovery through education, self-help and work, centered in community and long term support for those who call the streets of Nashville home."

**Core Values:** "Through the power of spirituality and the practice of love, we provide hospitality with a respect that offers hope in a community of non-violence."

### Population

Individuals 18+ years old experiencing homelessness in middle Tennessee. Participants at Room In The Inn have a variety of diagnoses and comorbidities including substance abuse and mental health.

### Identified Agency Needs

- There is a need for additional programming to the existing Employment and Housing Power Week curriculums in order to facilitate more participants towards employment and permanent housing.
- There is a need for a universal, intake questionnaire that can be used by all staff members with their respective groups in order to identify the needs and wants of participants.

### Goals

- Identify gaps in the Employment and Housing Power Weeks through active participation in current programming.
- Establish community with participants and staff members in order to learn about the challenges and needs of the homeless population in Nashville.
- Create questionnaire and additional curriculum to facilitate more participants into next steps.

### Deliverables

#### General Intake Form

#### SMART Goals Worksheet

### Additional Deliverables:

- List of questions appropriate to ask landlord over the phone and at lease signing.
- Housing Conversation Role Play
- Mock Phone Calls
- Resume Template

### Takeaways

- There is an immense sense of community amongst the participants and staff at RITI full of respect, kindness and love for one another.
- People experiencing homelessness are humans too and deserve to be treated as equal members of society.
- Recovery includes participation and quality of life, not just elimination of substances.
- Not everyone is seeking permanent shelter.



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