

Community Connectors

What are Community Hubs?


Community Hubs are welcoming and inclusive spaces where residents go to make friends, pursue common interests, and find support when they need it. It's a place that's welcoming, inclusive and connecting.

People are at the heart: community hubs are more than just spaces – they are filled with people dedicated to working with residents to identify social needs, bring to light community assets and create opportunities for connections. Community Social Workers and Hub Site Leads focus, among many things, on providing important information on supports and services and creating and nurturing positive relationships in the community.

Community Connectors have been a long-standing feature of Community Hubs since the initiative's early days. **Community Connectors are community leaders who engage and connect with their neighbours and community partners to learn about their community and identify interests, needs and assets to strengthen neighbourhoods.** Individual Hub Sites tailor these roles to meet the unique needs of their catchment area and work. Connectors are working to develop their community's capacity to support residents in urgent and growing priority areas; topics including of food security, mental health and wellness. Other Community Connectors are Indigenous residents and are sharing valuable learnings about Indigenous culture and practices with the community. Community Connectors do this by identifying emerging issues in the community, exploring and developing residents' connections with sites, and organizing resident-led events.

The Community Connector model helps cultivate resident capacity for community leadership roles, future employment opportunities and the ability for those experiencing financial barriers to participate in community life. By developing opportunities for resident leadership and economic participation in communities, the Community Connectors program supports the commitment of the Hubs initiative to deepen sustainability.

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