Annually Revise
Revise and annually review
the structure of income
assistance regulations

Strengthen
Strengthen organizational
systems that support
worker input and
experience

THE STUDY
The ASSET Study is
interested in the
many different ways
people make money
in the community
and how that effects
their health and well-
being.

PARTICIPANTS
People who work or
train with peer
programs, social
enterprises, local
government initiatives,
community
organizations, DTES
employers, and other
informal and part-time
employment.

GOALS
Developed in
collaboration with
DTES economic
opportunity providers,
the study explore
experiences and
outcomes across the
income generation
spectrum.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Three advisory groups inform this
project to further support inclusive,
community-engaged research:

- An Indigenous advisory circle
- An advisory group comprised
  of people with lived and living
  experience (PWLLE)
- An advisory board with members
  from DTES organizations focused
  on economic development and
  engagement

Advisory boards provided important insight into potential ways to
support economic engagement and quality of life for the
community. The PWLLE group identified five core focal areas to
improve economic engagement for barriered individuals:

- Advocacy for institutional and organizational reform
- Scholarly outputs and collaboration
- Best-practices for economic engagement organizations and
  opportunity providers
- Key areas for data analysis
- Education and dissemination of research

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REPORT
In July, we submitted a report to the Ministry of Social Development and
Poverty Reduction highlighting how community economic engagement
supports peoples’ health and well-being.

See the full report here: Making Work “Work”: Adaptive Economic
Engagement for People Facing Barriers to Employment.

What's next?
- Continue recruitment and data collection.
- Build on report outcomes.
- Pilot digital dashboard showcasing live study data.
- Meet with Community Advisory Boards quarterly.

ASSETS TIMELINE
April 2019
Round 1 begins

September 2020
COVID-19 hits
and ASSETS
moves to remote
interviewing

April 2022
ASSETS begins a
hybrid model of
interviewing

August 2023
Round 17 begins

CURRENT ROUND
Round 17
ASSET Study rounds are
every 3 months. Each
round involves data
collection and recruitment.
Participants answer the
same questions at each 3
month follow-up interview.

Hybrid Interviews
52%
Phone
48%
In-person

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REPORT FINDINGS
- More Support: Support the scale-up of low-threshold economic engagement opportunities.
- Annually Revise: Revise and annually review the structure of income assistance regulations.
- Collaborate: Build avenues for coordinated action across government, organizational and community actors.
- Address Needs: Tailor employment practices to meet community needs.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?
Know someone who might be?
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