

ASSETS

Assessing Economic Transitions Study

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THE STUDY

The ASSET Study is interested in the many different ways people make money in the community and how that affects 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.

2656 Quantitative Interviews Conducted

355 Participants Enrolled

142 Opportunity Providers Represented

4.5 Years of Data Collection

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

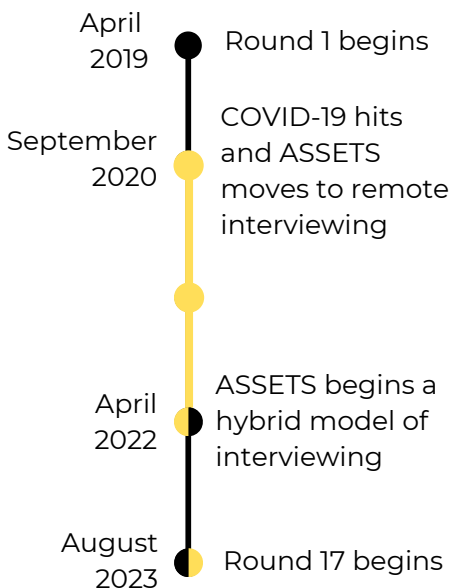
Three advisory groups inform this project to further support inclusive, community-engaged research:

- 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

ASSETS TIMELINE



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.

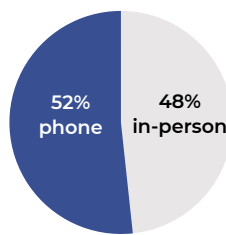
[See the full report here: Making Work "Work": Adaptive Economic Engagement for People Facing Barriers to Employment.](#)

CURRENT ROUND

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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



(ROUND 16)

WHATS NEXT?

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

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



Strengthen

Strengthen organizational systems that support worker input and experience



Expand Access

Expand access, equity and protections across the Livelihoods Continuum



Collaboration

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?

Please feel free to contact our Research Coordinator **Deb McCormack** at 778-945-5681.

Or drop by our office at 439 E. Hastings