

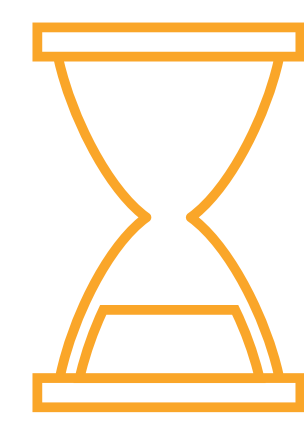
Supportive Housing Experiences of Residents with Developmental Disabilities

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Background

- People with developmental disabilities (PWDD) experience **long waitlists**¹ for supportive housing due to a short supply¹ of residences
- PWDD may experience unmet needs^{1,2} and **unsafe** living conditions in other housing environments
- Little is known about how PWDD experience supportive housing



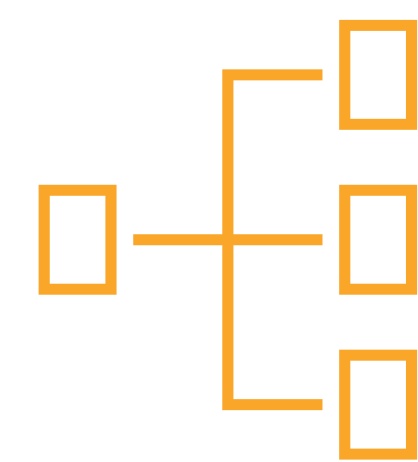
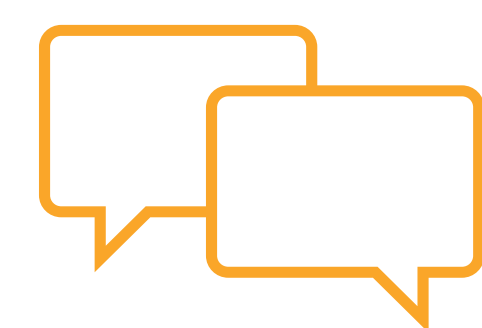
Research Question

How do PWDD experience their supportive housing environments?



Methods

- Twenty-eight residents living in two Toronto-based supportive housing residences participated in art activities and interviews
- Interview data was thematically coded³ using NVivo software



Supportive housing designs and operations require improvement to support resident independence, interaction, and wellbeing



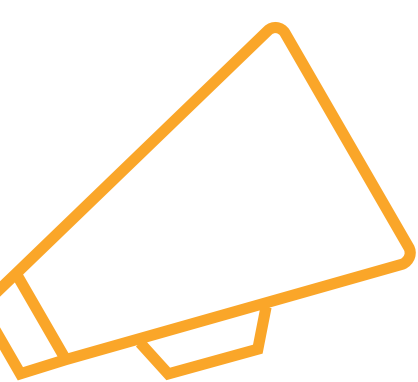
Preliminary Results

- Engaging **resident input** could enhance supportive housing designs and operations, and improve resident independence
- Improved unit **safety design** can enhance resident access and independence
- Improved **common space** access can create desired social opportunities for residents
- Residents desire enhanced **programming** that promotes belonging



Conclusion

- Design and operational improvements can be made to enhance resident independence, safety, interaction, and belonging
- Resident perspectives should be included in the planning, design, and operation of supportive housing residences



Relevance to Holland Bloorview

- Findings will help to prepare clients and their families for transitions into adulthood
- Supports engagement with perspectives of PWDD (e.g., co-creation) and promotes IDEAA values

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