



careers outside public health



# Introductions



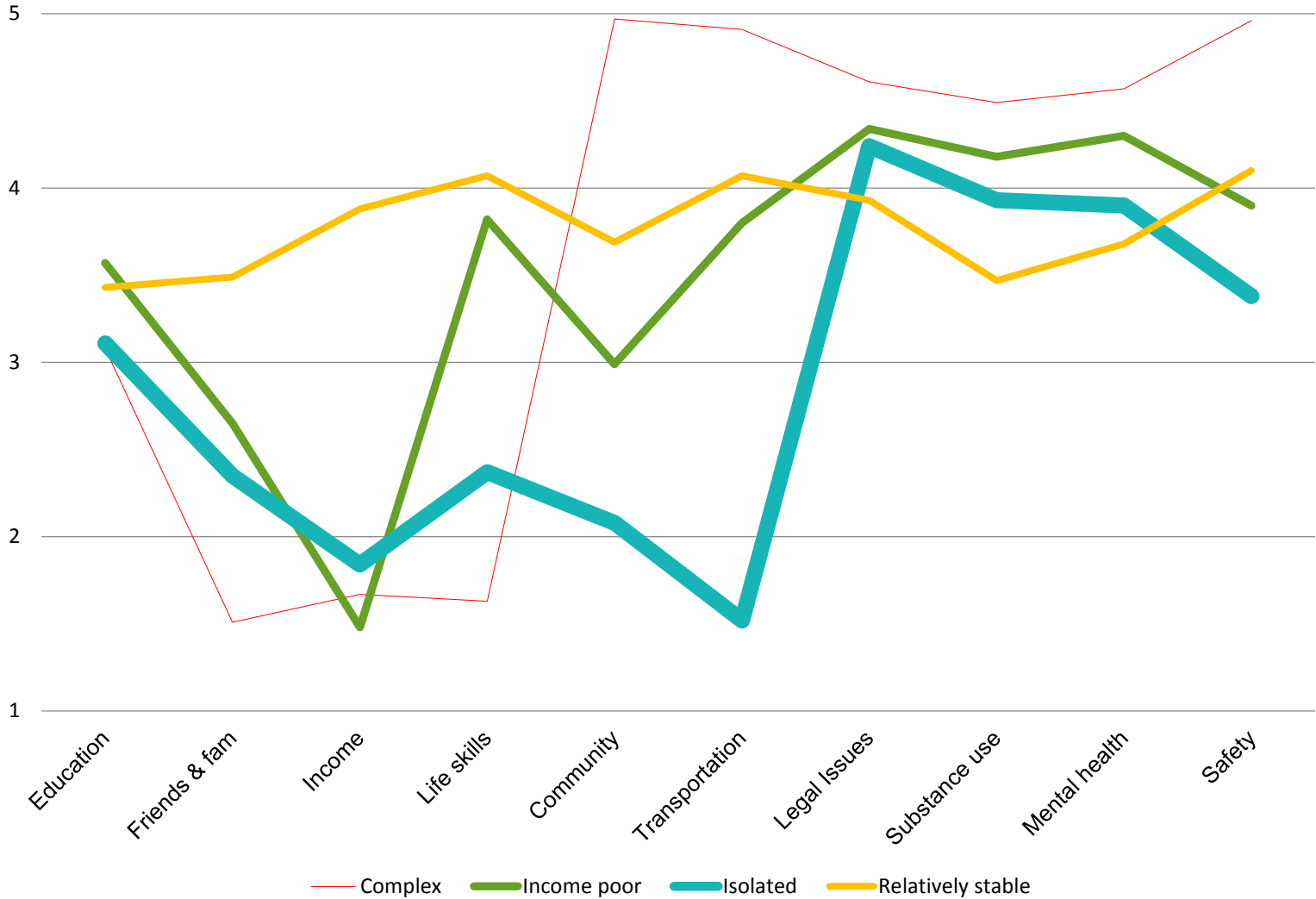
# USING DATA TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS





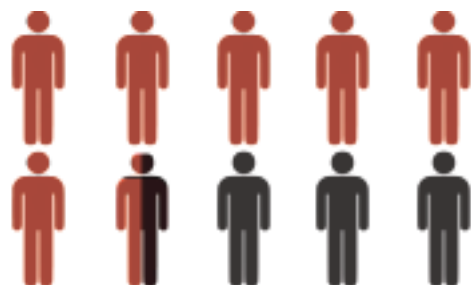
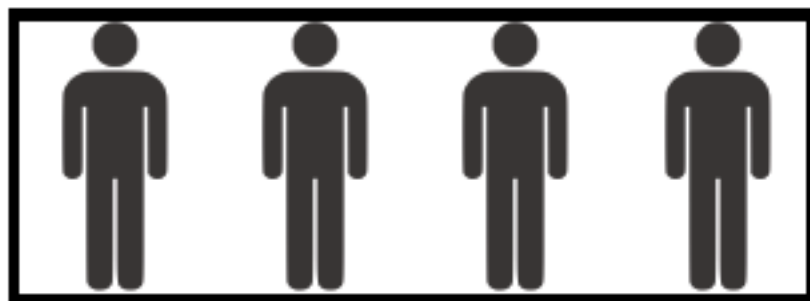
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Education

# Latent Profile Analysis of OBM Transitional Clients

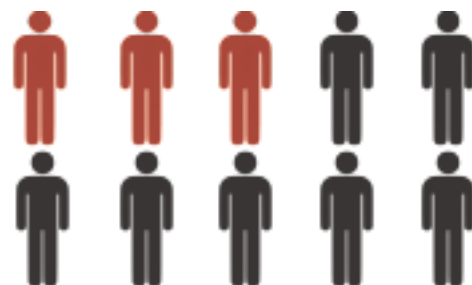


**1 in 5**

*program clients have an imposed departure*



**65%**  
*of imposed departures  
return within a year*



**<30%**  
*of other departures  
return within a year*

OLD MODEL

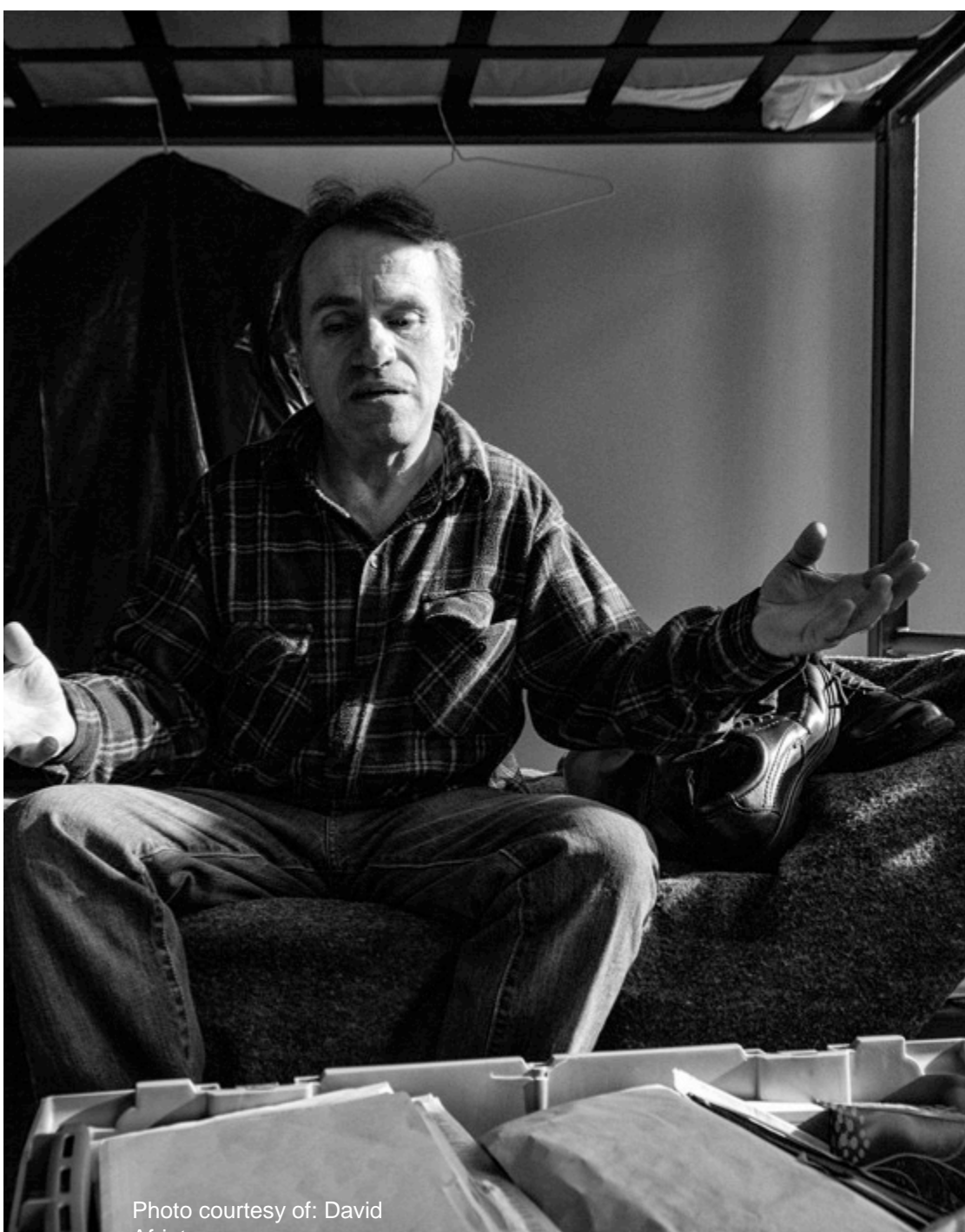
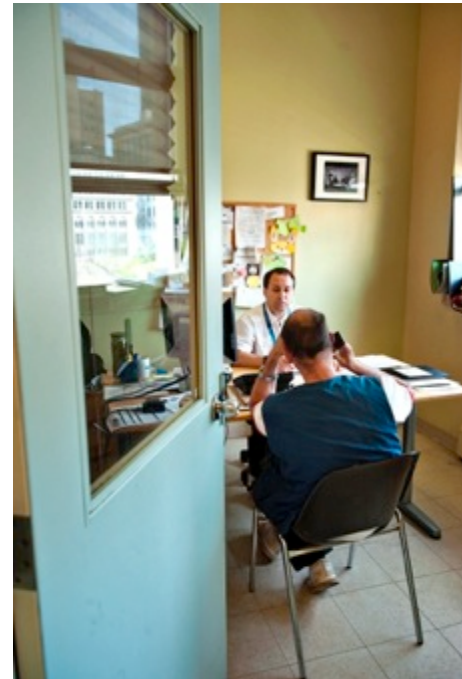


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NEW MODEL





# Where are they now?

Second year of medical school - Laura

Epidemiologist at McGill University Health Centre & IR-CUSM - Tracy

Doctoral Candidate, Epidemiology - Nita

Program Analyst at Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health, The Hospital for Sick Children - Olha

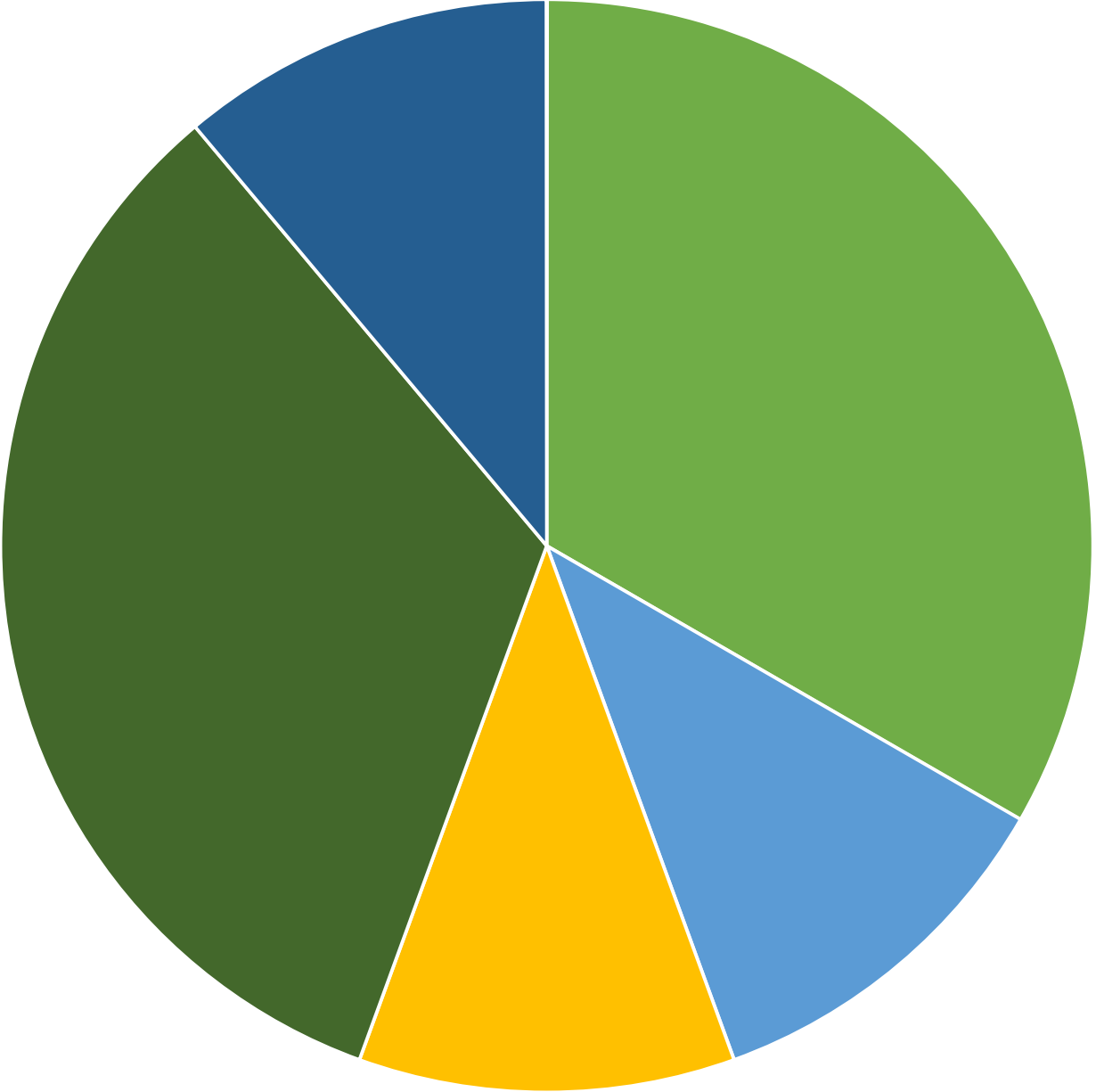
Data analyst (cancer analytics) at the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer - Jenny

Project manager at Stanford for Health Care Implementation - Dani

Project manager at the research institute of McGill University Health Centre Division of Clinical Epidemiology - Jana

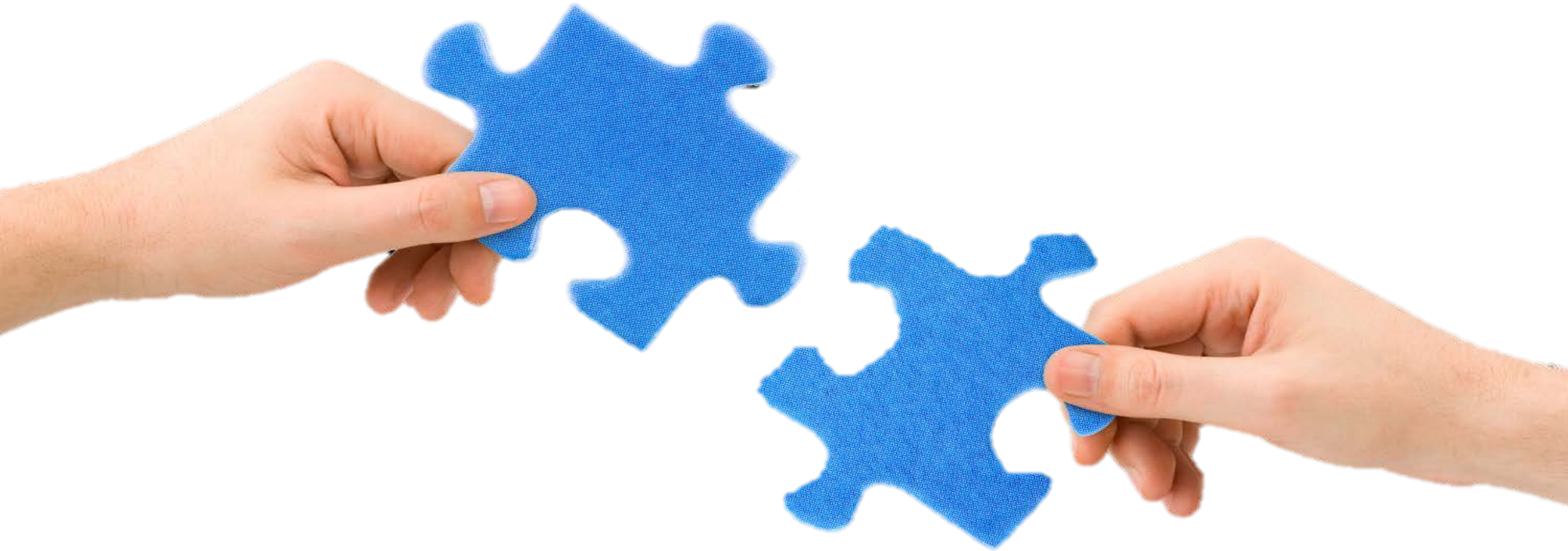
Nursing program at McMaster - Cindra

# Careers



- Health research University
- Health Research Governmental
- Health Research NGO
- Additional Training
- Research (other)

finding the right fit



# Find out what you care about

- Finding your passion helps you to open up your job-search options and keeps you interested in whatever job you get.
- For example: I consider my job's connection to social justice and the social determinants of health to be the most important thing that keeps me driven and inspired.



# Look to your strengths



Think about what you are good at:

- Are you a particularly good writer? Then maybe policy or knowledge exchange is for you.
- Are you able to make connections easily? Maybe research is your strength.
- Are you very convincing in a debate? You might be a natural advocate.

# Your public health strengths will depend on your program....

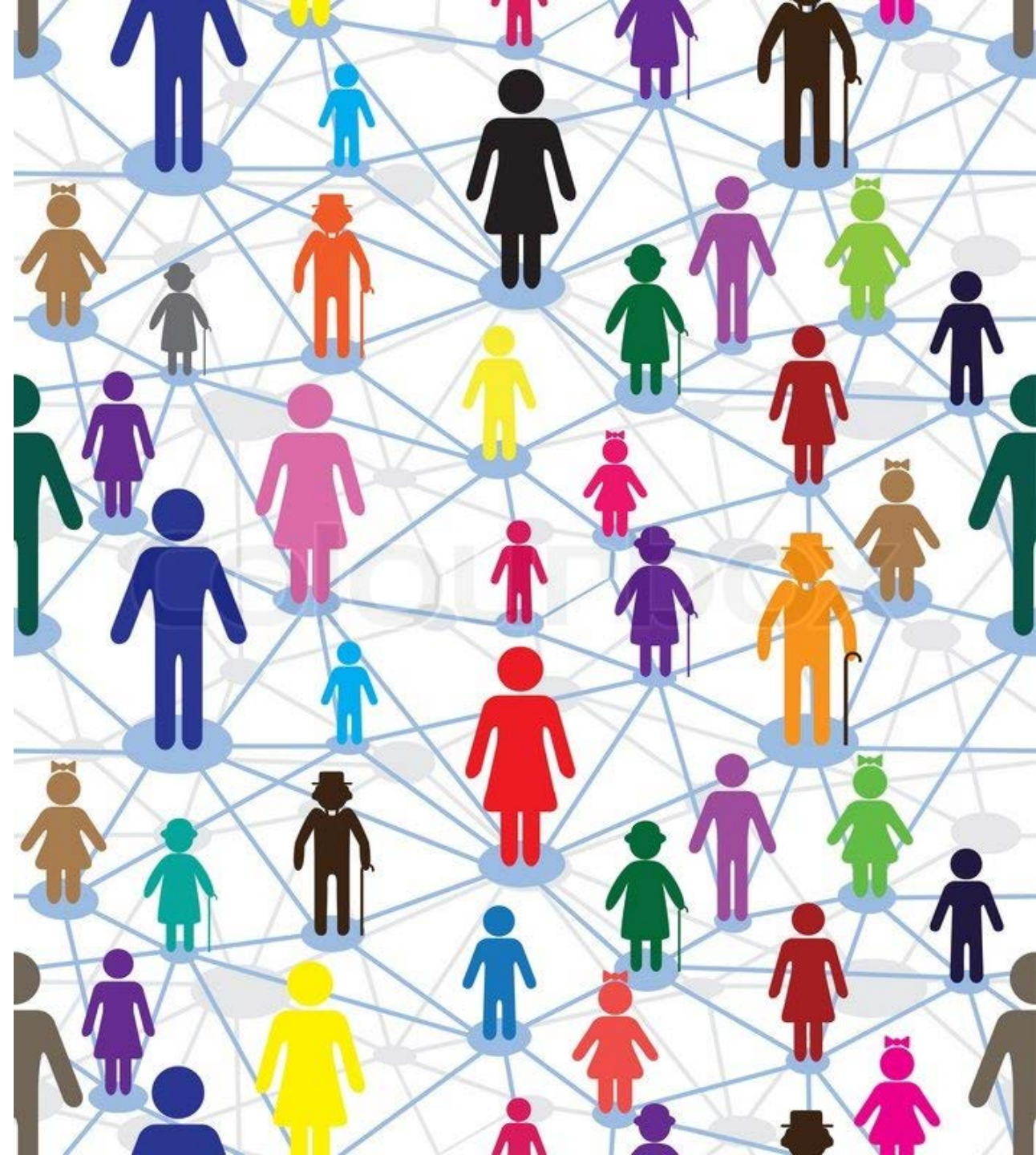
- If your program is **research-heavy**, you will be good at conducting all kinds of research, which opens doors in multiple sectors including pharmaceuticals, hospital-based clinical research, government, insurance, private research consulting firms, etc.
- If your program is **policy-heavy**, you will be good at finding, weighing and analysing evidence from multiple sources. You will be good at communicating findings to multiple audiences and of examining an issue from many different perspectives. You will be able to make appropriate recommendations based on evidence. Doors will open in government and NGOs.
- If your program is **practice-heavy** you will have the professional skills you need to practice in a hospital, community clinic, home health agency, long term care facility etc. but also consider education, research and other outside the box careers.




Searching  
for a job

# Make connections

- The more networking you do, the better your chances will be.
- Apply to go to conferences.
- Go to additional lectures given by people with careers you admire.
- Approach people and ask questions and exchange contact information.
- Stay in contact with your connections by making phone calls and sending out emails.
- Check out this article on networking:  
<http://bit.ly/1xUT07O>







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# Other advice

- Check constantly for postings
- Don't be too picky

Check out the American Public Health Association careers in public health newsletter to hear more people's job hunting experiences:

<http://www.apha.org/professional-development/public-health-careermart/careers-in-public-health-newsletter/so-howd-you-get-your-job>



RESUME

# Your CV

- Keep your CV up to date.
- Keep the whole thing short.
- Briefly write out how you meet each of the job criteria in the cover letter.
- Include one experience or skill that is interesting or unique.
- Tailor each resume and cover letter to the position that you are applying for.
- Take time to learn about the organization that you are applying to.

# Stay involved

- Volunteer. There are plenty of local and national organizations that rely on volunteers to govern, develop policy, advocate, organize networking events and conferences, and more.
- This benefits the community, but also sharpens skills that will be valuable to you in the future.



# Life outside of public health

