



PROJECT RISE UP

Reform. Innovate. Support. Empower. Uplift & Protect.

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The Northpine Foundation has invested \$3.2 million in Coverdale Courtwork Society and partnering agencies to design, develop and deliver a range of justice focused innovations in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Our strategy includes a robust bail support program that will deliver community-based alternatives to incarceration for women, and strategic partnerships in housing, health and justice that will collaboratively and comprehensively address the needs of criminalized and formerly incarcerated persons across the social determinants of health.

Project RISE UP will promote more efficient, effective and gender informed bail and court processes for women and will test innovative interventions that aim to reduce the rates of remand for women, decrease breaches of bail conditions, reduce administration of justice offences, and eliminate the homelessness-jail cycle.

Over the past few years, like so many other community organizations, we have had to initiate big changes at an unprecedented pace. We have cultivated new relationships and worked collaboratively to respond to service gaps and to meet the immediate needs of women, trans and non-binary people in the Halifax region. With nearly 100 years of institutional memory in decarceral work in the Maritimes, and 4+ decades of expertise working in the Halifax region, we have a profound responsibility to our community and have been compelled to deepen our efforts through community development and the direct delivery of support services.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also created immense challenges that have impacted the justice system and created the conditions for new ways of working. The demand for these changed approaches to criminal justice have been reverberating in our communities for a long time.

Retaining the best of the COVID-19 changes, while making fundamental transformations in areas that remain a need is a primary focus of ours. We have dedicated the past 2 years of our energy, expertise and efforts to managing this crisis. We believe we have a unique opportunity to reimagine the justice system, using lessons from the pandemic to create meaningful and systematic change. The Northpine Foundation has stepped up to resource our organization, and others in our community, empowering us to make meaningful and lasting changes in the lives of women and gender diverse individuals. We are grateful for this opportunity and extend our deepest gratitude to the Northpine Foundation for investing in our community.



Congratulations also goes to our colleagues at Shelter Nova Scotia, Stepping Stone Society, El Jones and The Black Power Hour, The Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia and Mobile Outreach Street Health (MOSH) for the support that they have also received from The Northpine Foundation to further their work.

On Behalf of Coverdale Courtwork Society,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ash Avery", written in a cursive style.

Ash Avery
Executive Director