

## **Nomination**

## Why hasn't this expanded: scalable pilot programs

**Sunnybrook Academic FHT Finding Poverty at Sunnybrook** 



As one of the Sunnybrook Academic FHT (SAFHT)'s deep quality improvement dives, we measured the prevalence of financial challenges within our practice and created a tool of low and no cost community resources that could be accessed by identified patients and families. More than 2500 patients have been screened and more than 9% of these patients "struggled to make ends meet" at the end of the month. By standardizing screening, documentation and data collection, screening rates have increased by 11%. Informal provider and patient feedback on the community resource tool has been very positive.

We used the Centre for Effective Practice "Poverty: A Clinical Tool for Primary Care Providers" that provides a patient-centered approach and resources. Our next steps include bringing the handout to our Patient and Family Advisory Committee for review and learning more about patient outcomes.

