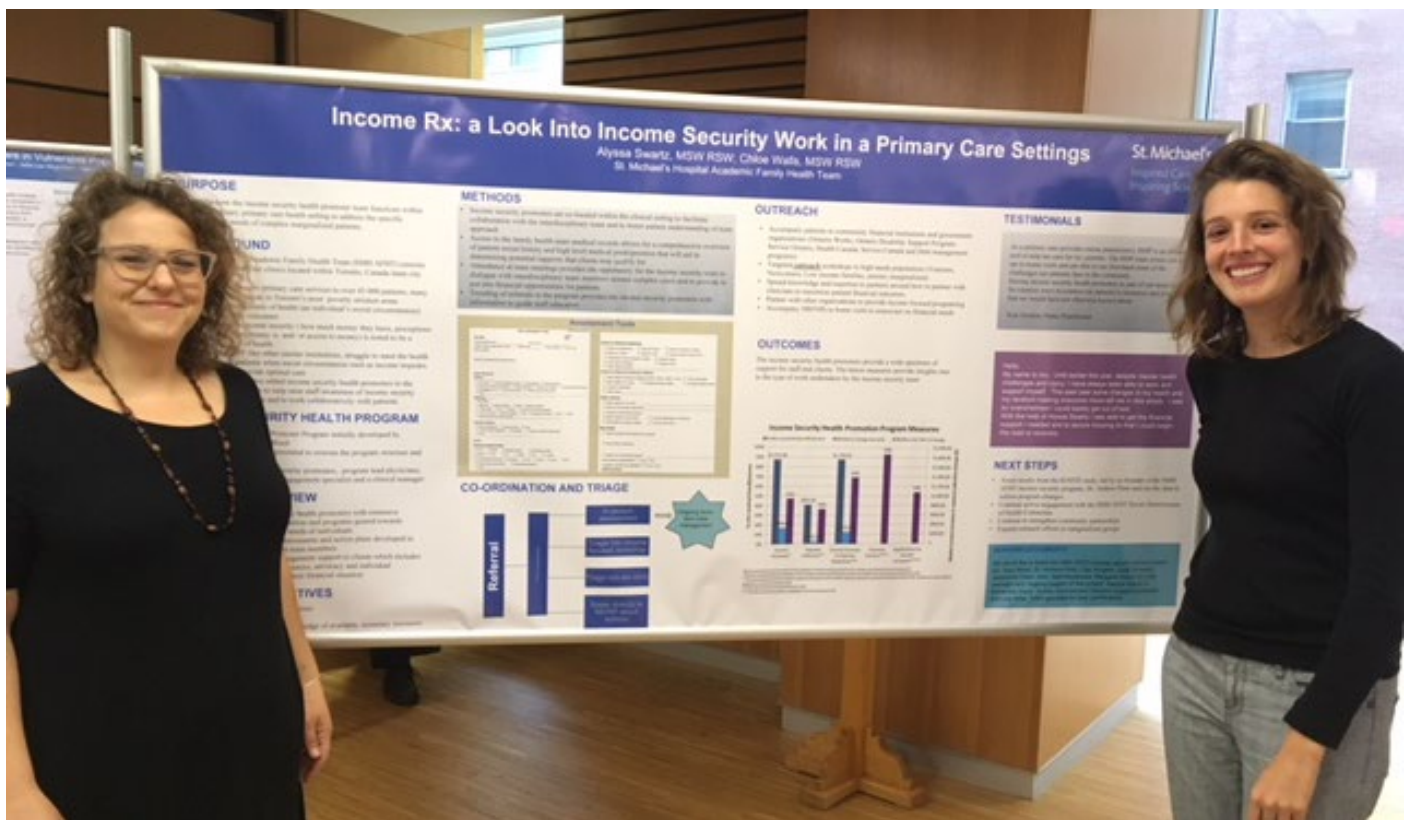




## Nomination

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

St. Michael's Hospital Academic FHT - Social Determinant of Health Committee  
Income Security Health Promotion Program: St. Michael's FHT



Emerging from a poverty screening tool that framed income as key to health, the Income Security Health Promotion service is a focused intervention that is quickly gaining recognition and is well suited for replication. Last year this program assisted over 1,000 patients. 95% of patients who were surveyed would recommend this program and 57% reported an increase in their income as a result. On average, the yearly income increase was estimated to be \$1755. This novel service also works at a system level to educate and empower communities to address income security.

Addressing the most relevant patient needs is the driving force for new income security interventions. Patient feedback has led to the development of income security tools which are then implemented into the program. Patients are also included in evaluation, providing valuable feedback on areas of strength and areas needing changes. Workshops are tailored to the needs of the patients served and are changed according to patient evaluations of the past workshops. Patient advisors are members of the FHT's Social Determinants of Health Committee which oversees this program.