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Hello! My name is David French. As a representative of the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates, I am pleased to provide the group with strategic oversight and broader connection to national, provincial and territorial policy and legislative opportunities. I am highly motivated by the continuing change I see across the sector within this work, and the opportunity to take it further.

I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to my role of key ally in the National Council. In my current role as Managing Director of A Way Home Canada, I support the organization's focus of reimagining solutions to youth homelessness through transformations in policy, planning and practice.

My goal is to create lasting and sustainable youth homelessness policy and practice change across the country and internationally.



“In my field, I am inspired by the resilience in young people who are willing to share of themselves and their stories to improve the work.”

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, running, exploring the mountains and cooking.

ABOUT A WAY HOME

The team at A Way Home Canada is small but mighty. The minds and hearts of these incredible individuals allow for a safe, vulnerable and cohesive workplace, that we can then channel into our relationships within the sector - with guidance, support and empathy. This enhances the services and supports to youth across Canada. A Way Home Canada has inspired communities and countries around the world to participate in a growing international movement for meaningful change for homeless youth.

The organization works with all orders of government, communities, services providers and philanthropy to create policy, investment and service environments that enables a shift away from simply “managing” the problem of youth homelessness through emergency services, to a more proactive, rights-based approach that focuses on prevention (stopping young people from becoming homeless in the first place) and helping those who are homeless move into housing with supports as rapidly as possible in a safe and planned way. Our collective work is evidence-driven and solutions-focused. A Way Home works across sectors to ensure that they are co-creating solutions with people with lived experience of youth homelessness, service providers, researchers, policy makers, and funders. Learn more about them [here](#).