

I WAS HERE

A Community-Based Participatory Research and Media Project

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UofT, Health Sciences Building, Room 574
155 College Street, Toronto (Queen's Park subway stop)**

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I WAS HERE is an 18-month media workshop of the National Film Board of Canada's Filmmaker-in-Residence program at St. Michael's Hospital. It is supported by the collaboration of the Young Parents No Fixed Address Network. Several young mothers in Toronto have been documenting their lives through their own eyes using photography and film. The artists have and will continue to exhibit their artwork throughout Toronto. Through their artwork they speak out about both the needs and strengths of young parents experiencing poverty. This presentation will discuss the use of photography, film, and new media as effective tools for community development and community-based research (CBR).

Rebecca Fortin (M.H.Sc. candidate) is a student in the Health Promotion/Community Development Collaborative program at University of Toronto. She has developed and implemented a sub-research component for the I WAS HERE project as part of her second academic practicum placement. Through this process, Rebecca has been able to incorporate CBR principles, allowing participants to be a partner in the entire research process and to produce community-relevant research results and solutions.

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