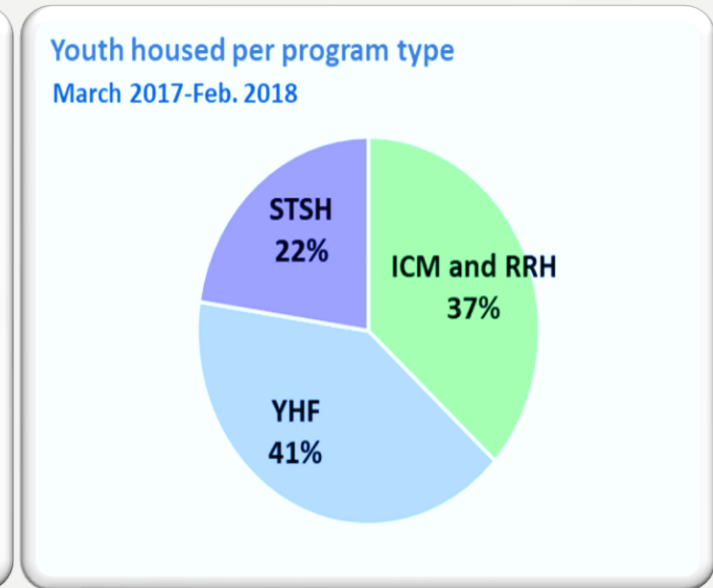
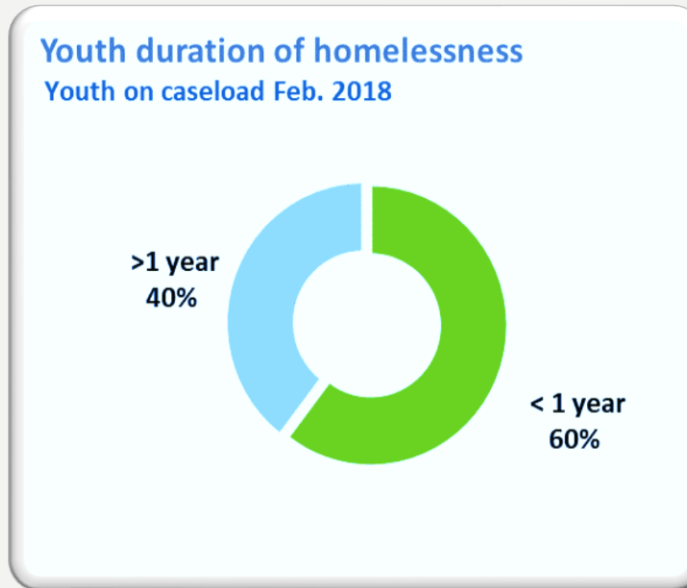


THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION THROUGH HOUSING

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YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN EDMONTON

- Strategic Goals
- Youth Statistics
- Youth programs



REFERRALS

- Who can refer ?
- Cross Systems Support Team
- Youth Coordinated Access

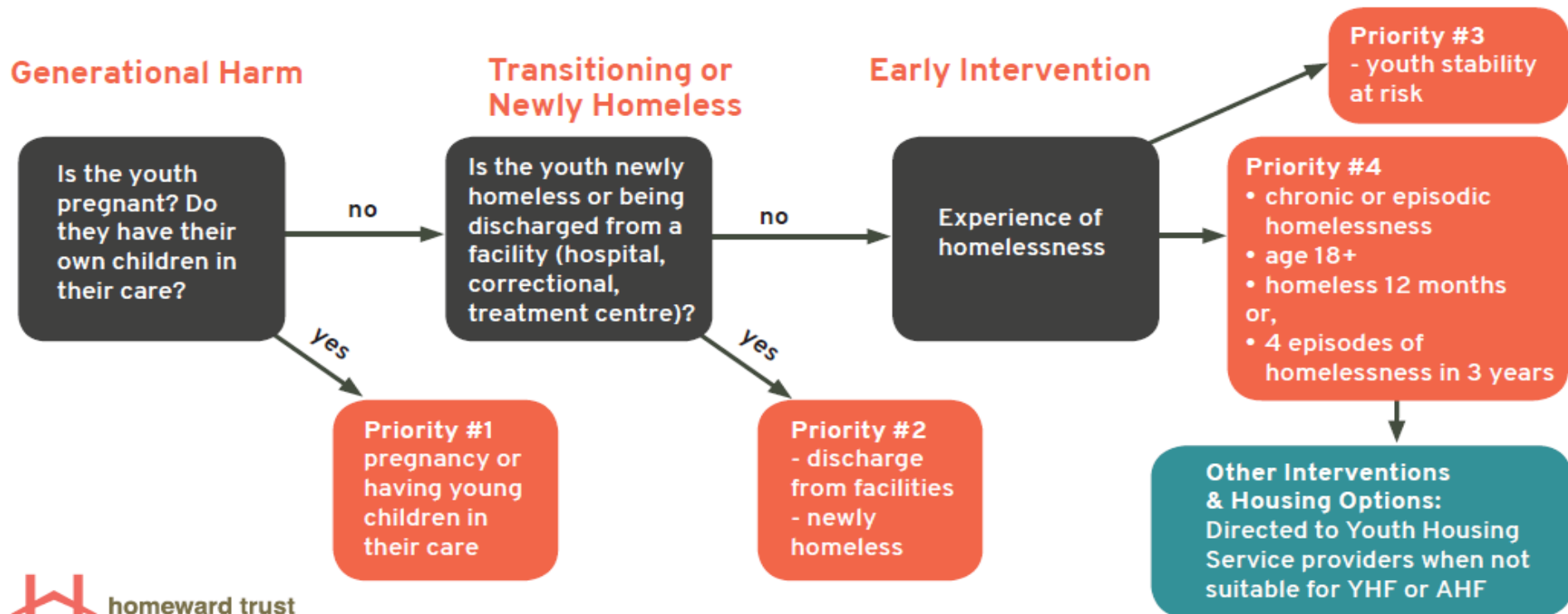


Prioritization Approach for Youth Housing First Programs

Youth Housing First (YHF) is one of many possible services that can help youth to address homelessness. There is more need for support from Youth Housing First programs than can be met by available resources.

Access to Youth Housing First program spaces is prioritized according to:

1. **GENERATIONAL HARM** - preventing a youth's experience of homelessness from harming their pregnancy or young children in their care
2. **TRANSITIONING OR NEWLY HOMELESS** - preventing discharge into homelessness
3. **EARLY INTERVENTION** - preventing entrenchment in chronic or long-term homelessness
4. **CHRONICALLY HOMELESS** - 18 plus homeless for one year or 4 episodes in 3 years.



Prioritization Approach for e4c Safe Spaces Project

Safe Spaces is a supportive transitional housing project serving LGBTQ2S+ youth experiencing homelessness. There is more need for Safe Spaces than can be met by available resources.

Access to the Safe Spaces project is prioritized according to vulnerability:

1. **RISKS TO SAFETY** - prevent or reduce time in high risk locations.
2. **INTERSECTIONALITY** - provide housing & services to LGBTQ2S+ youth that takes into account ways in which various social /identity factors combine to affect how each youth experiences homelessness.
3. **SOCIAL ISOLATION** - expedite connection to LGBTQ2S+ community and supports.

Risks to Safety

Youth is being harmed or is at imminent risk of harm in current living situation.

Intersectionality

Youth identifies with two or more of the following:

- conflicting cultural or religious beliefs
- identifying with both LGBTQ2S+ gender & sexual identities
- newly homeless

Social Isolation

Youth is unable to access LGBTQ2S+ services and resources due to social exclusion and/or physical location.

Youth is interested in connecting to supports and programs along with participating in the LGBTQ2S+ community.



YOUTH HOUSING FIRST

**A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
HTE, E4C, EJHS**

YOUTH HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

- Partnership between e4c, Edmonton John Howard Society and Homeward Trust Edmonton
- 2 Managers, 2 Complex Case Coordinators and 5 Housing Support Workers
- Assist with locating housing, connecting to supports and building life skills to maintain independence.
- Support up to 9 months
- Critical Time Intervention

CRITICAL TIME INTERVENTION

- Phased model of support with decreasing intensity over time
- Pre-CTI – Intake
- Phase 1 - Transition
- Phase 2 - Try-Out
- Phase 3 - Transfer of Care
- Graduation

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

- Case Conferencing and Goal Planning
- Identify Areas of Need
- Referrals
- Partnerships with Community Resources and Service Providers

GROWTH IN OUR JOURNEY

- Pilot to Program
- Participants
- Length of Program
- LGBTQ Youth
- Other Programs





SAFE SPACES

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
HOMEWARD TRUST EDMONTON AND E4C

SAFE SPACES

- Aims to address the gaps in services for LGBTQ2S+ youth
- Request for Proposals → e4c response
- One year pilot project
- Support, connections, and access to resources within the LGBTQ2S+ community and any other communities youth identify with
- 12 months total in the program
- Supported housing for up to 6 months in an independent, community setting
- Staff team: Case Manager and two Youth Workers

PROGRAMMING

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Individualized Service Plan
- Goals
- Transition Exploration
- Primary Assessment
- Outcomes
- Connection/ Introduction to LGBTQ2S+ Services and Resources

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

- Life skills coaching (in-home)
- Interacting with other services
- How to find/ access support
- Employment/ income
- Budgeting
- Up to 6 months financial assistance
- Supported referrals

CURRENT STATUS

- Timeline of project
- First youth
- Current caseload
- Referrals
- Current caseload experiences
- Current caseload barriers



COLLABORATION

In order to support the participants; Safe Spaces and Youth Housing First collaborates with community service providers such as:

- Pride Centre of Edmonton
- Institute of Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS)
- ACCESS Open Minds Clinic
- Alberta Supports
- HomeEd
- Capital Region Housing Corp
- Children Services
- Terra Centre
- Youth Empowerment Support Services (YESS)
- Alberta Health Services (AHS)
- Find.
- Cross Systems Support Team (CSST)
- Edmonton Inter- Agency Youth Services Association (EIYSA)
- Transitional Rental Assistance for Graduates (TRAG)

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