



Hamilton

20,000 Homes Campaign Update

November 2015



Hamilton Profile

- Population 500,000 +
- Formerly highly industrialized, today known for reputable health care and educational institutions
- More than 24% of the population born outside of Canada
- Urban Aboriginal community – 3.1% of total population
- High poverty rate (20%)
- Persons with disabilities represent 27% of population



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- 6 Emergency Shelters
- 235 regular shelter beds and 20 family units
- 5,700 households on the Rent Geared to Income waitlist
- Number of unique individuals who stayed at an emergency shelter in Hamilton by Year





Progress to Date & Next Steps



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Knowing Every Person by Name

Registry week: April 26 – 30

- [Results infographic](#)
- [Registry Week Video](#)

Combined Point-in-Time Count with Registry: February 2016

- Including Aboriginal specific strategies



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Common Assessment & Prioritization

VI-SPDAT & SPDAT Individuals, Families and Youth

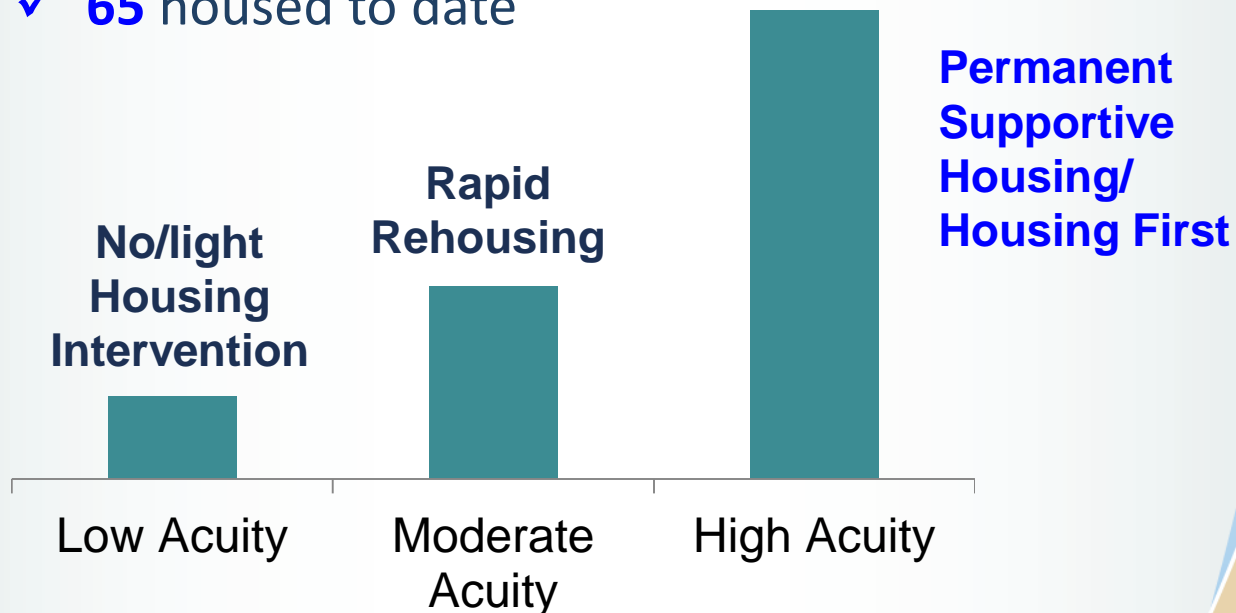
- Phase 1: Used across Housing First programs (October 2015)
- Phase 2: Roll out to Emergency Shelters (2016)



Urgent & Immediate Action to House

- 454 individuals surveyed
- Commitment to house **121** high acuity individuals experiencing chronic/episodic homelessness in Fiscal Year 2015

✓ **65** housed to date



Implementing Housing First in our local context

4 Housing First Programs

1. Transitions to Homes: Adult men
2. Supporting our Sisters: Adult women
3. Housing First for Youth: Male & Female youth
4. Homeward Bound: Aboriginal men & women (adults & youth)



Catholic
Children's Aid Society
of Hamilton



Housing First

Innovations & Opportunities



- Coordination of federal and provincial investments to leverage impact at an individual and systems level
 - IAH Housing Allowances for Housing First clients
- Housing First Collaborative
- Landlord Engagement Strategy
- Core Collaborative Learning



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Building a Coordinated System of Care

Building on lessons learned & resources available through the campaign, the City of Hamilton is working to develop:

- ✓ System-level targets to monitor and report on in alignment with 10 year plan goals
- ✓ An intentional, coordinated, suite of services that is centrally funded & managed, avoids duplication and tracks how components contribute to overall outcomes



Learning from Other Communities

- Along with Waterloo and Ottawa, Hamilton has contributed materials to the Registry Week toolkit & provides ongoing support through campaign platforms
- We will combine our upcoming Point in Time Count with a Registry and look forward to working with and learning from other communities considering the same approach



Thank you

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