A Framework for Ending Women's and Girls' Homelessness

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Purpose

➢Solution focused

➢Gender lens

➢Assisting communities to move forward

➢A resource

Process

- CAEH 2014 roundtable

- SSHRC Connection grant

- Ongoing refinement

What is **home**?

1. A right
2. Safe
3. Affordable
4. Quality
5. Premanent
6. Self-determined
7. Autonomous
8. Supported, if necessary
9. Accesible
10. Inclusive of family members
11. Free from surveillance
12. Community
13. Land
14. Private
15. Not burdensome to others

The Diversity of Women and Girls

➤Women and girls with children;

➤Young women and girls;

➤Older women;

➤Women and girls engaged in survival sex;

➤Women and girls who have been trafficked;

➤Women and girls involved in the judicial system;

➤Women and girls who identify as LGBTQQQIP2SAA;

➤Indigenous women and girls;

➤Newcomer women and girls;

➤Rural/remote women and girls;
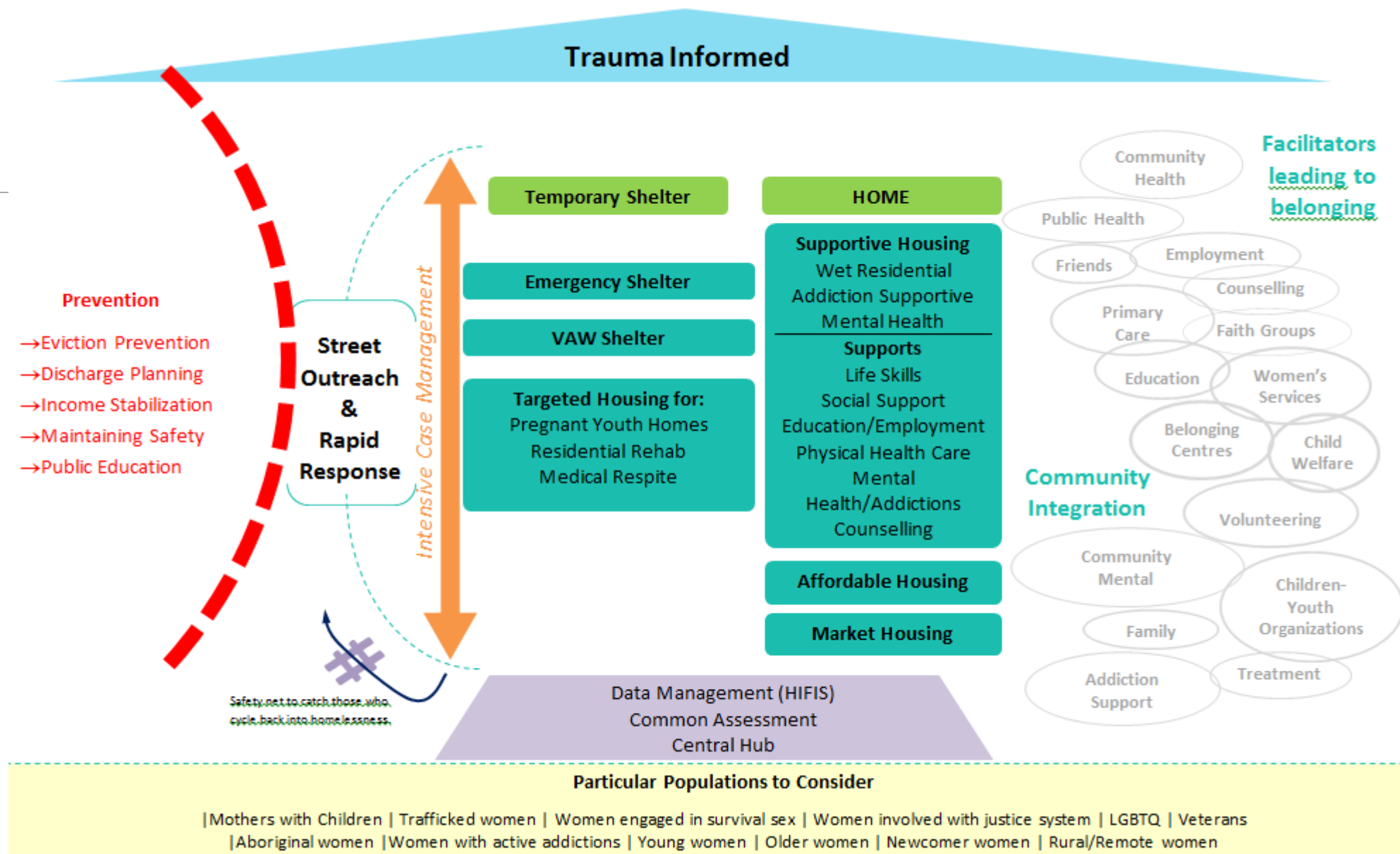
➤Women who have served in the military.

Framework

Long-Term Solutions

➢Ending poverty

➢Ending violence against women

➢Addressing the link between poverty and motherhood

➢A national housing strategy

➢Ending discrimination

➢A justice system that works

➢Child and mother welfare

➢Coordinated research

Community Transformation

➢Become a trauma-informed community

➢Prioritize safety

➢Be led by women, including women with lived experience

➢Foster community organization, mobilization, and action

➢Be unabashedly feminist

➢Collaborate across systems

➢Prioritize choice and self-determination

Local Strategies

Trauma Informed

Prevention
→ Eviction Prevention
→ Discharge Planning
→ Income Stabilization
→ Maintaining Safety
→ Public Education

Street Outreach & Rapid Response

Safety net to catch those who cycle back into homelessness.

Intensive Case Management

Temporary Shelter

Emergency Shelter

VAW Shelter

Targeted Housing for:
Pregnant Youth Homes
Residential Rehab
Medical Respite

HOME

Supportive Housing
Wet Residential
Addiction Supportive
Mental Health

Supports
Life Skills
Social Support
Education/Employment
Physical Health Care
Mental Health/Addictions
Counselling

Affordable Housing

Market Housing

Facilitators leading to belonging

Community Health
Public Health
Friends
Employment
Counselling
Primary Care
Faith Groups
Education
Women's Services
Belonging Centres
Child Welfare

Community Integration

Volunteering
Community Mental
Children-Youth Organizations
Family
Treatment
Addiction Support

Data Management (HIFIS)
Common Assessment
Central Hub

Particular Populations to Consider

| Mothers with Children | Trafficked women | Women engaged in survival sex | Women involved with justice system | LGBTQ | Veterans
| Aboriginal women | Women with active addictions | Young women | Older women | Newcomer women | Rural/Remote women
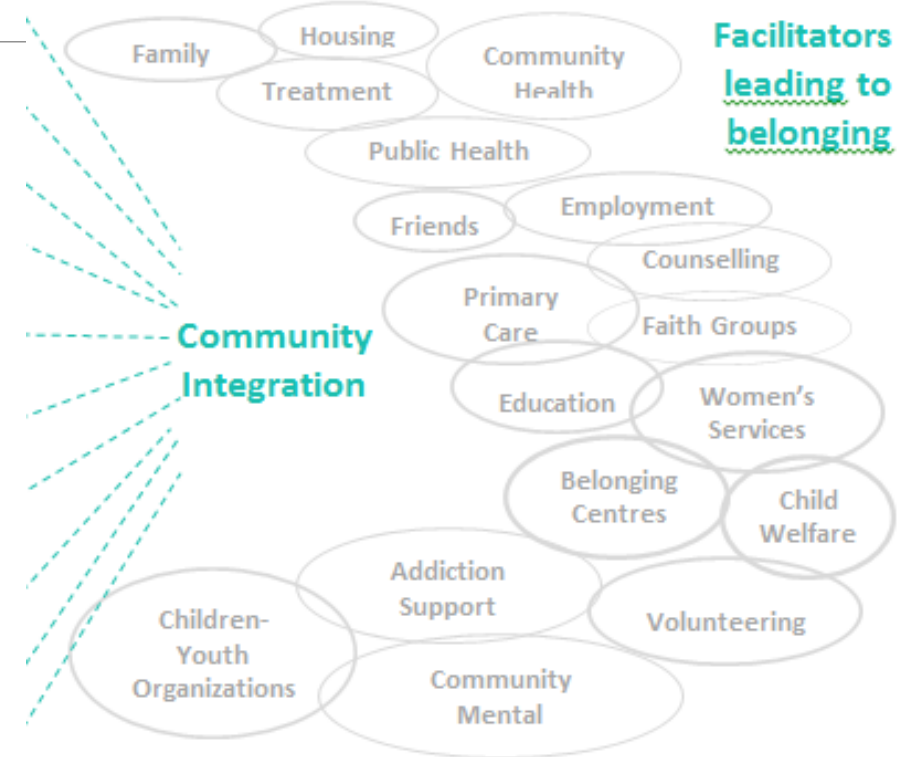
Primary Prevention

Income stabilization

Violence prevention

Comprehensive community supports

Primary Prevention

Systems of concern and opportunity

- ◦ Child welfare
- ◦ Education
- ◦ Immigration
- ◦ Justice
- ◦ Healthcare

Prevention

→Eviction Prevention

→Discharge Planning

→Income Stabilization

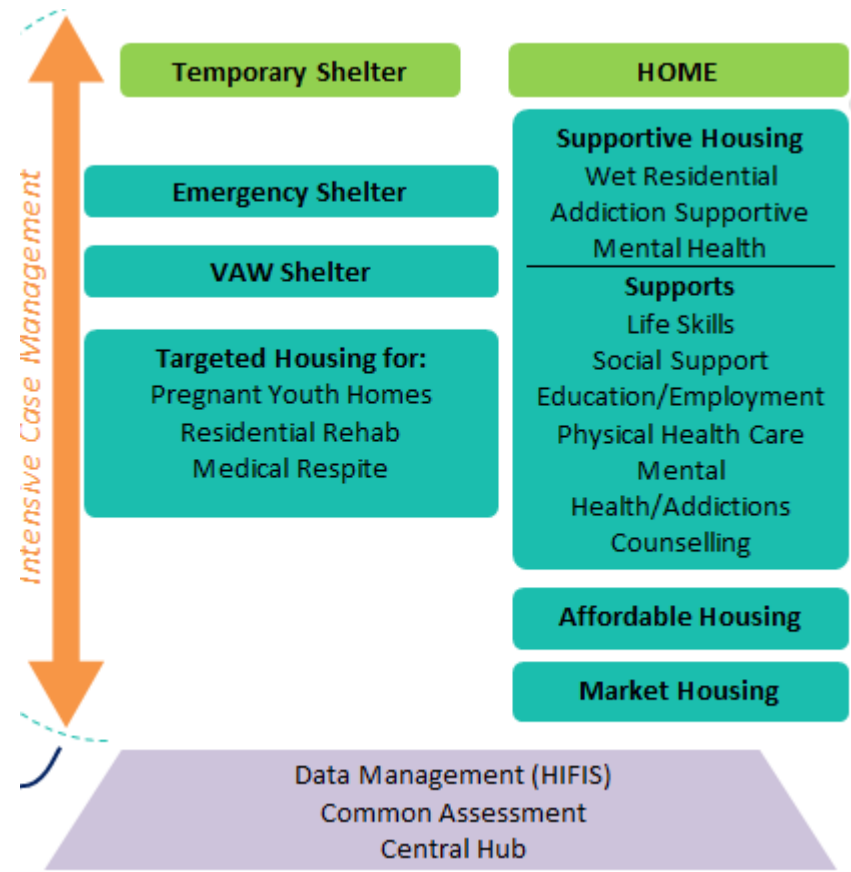→Maintaining Safety

→Public Education

Temporary Shelter

High needs = high support

Intensive case management

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Putting the Framework to Work

Thoughts