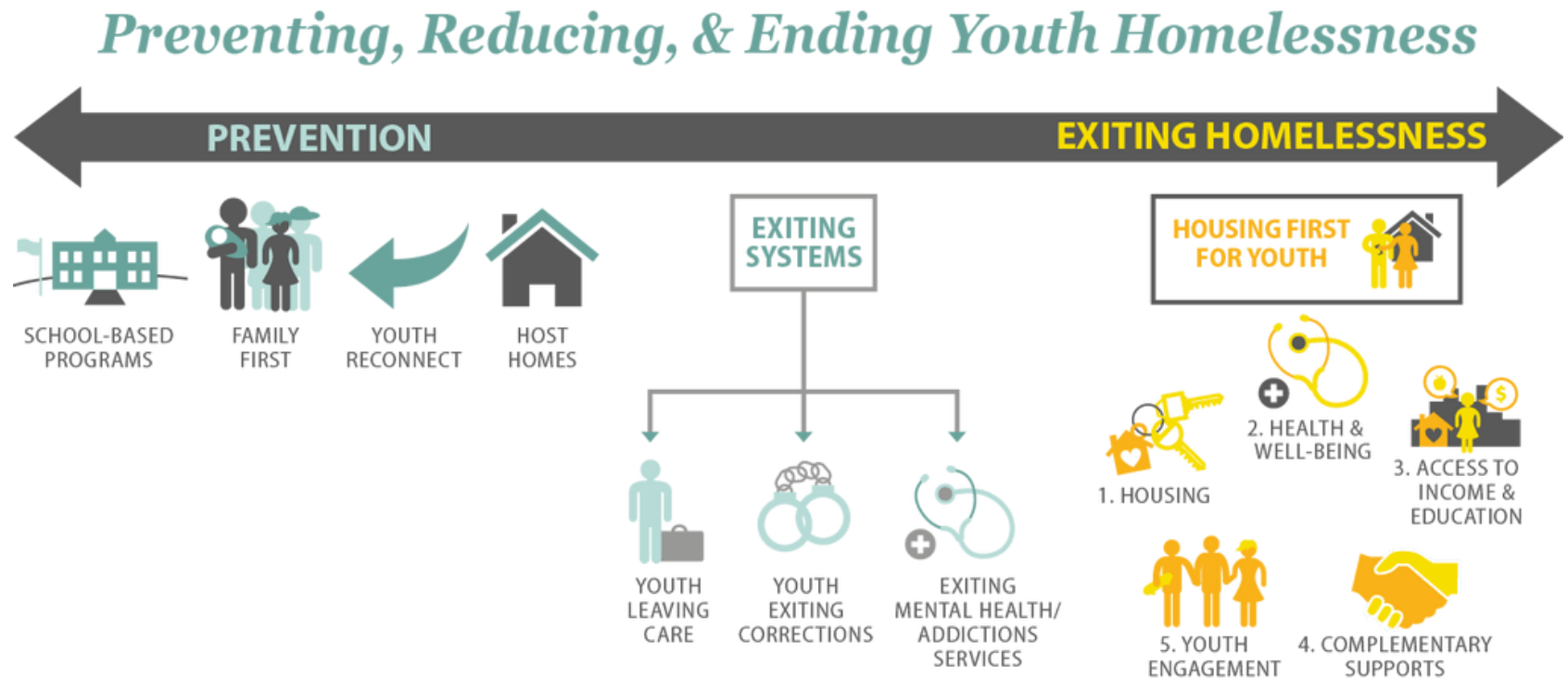




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# The Prevention Spectrum



(Canadian Observatory on Homelessness & A Way Home, 2016)



# THE UPSTREAM PROJECT



# What is The Upstream Project?

**The best way to address youth homelessness?  
By working upstream to prevent it from occurring first place.**

- The Upstream Project will take innovative approaches developed in Australia and adapt them to the Canadian context.
  - **The Geelong Project (TGP)**
- Working with schools and local community agencies, The Upstream Project will identify students who are at-risk and connect them with the wraparound supports they need.



# Why Schools?



- School-based Prevention

Virtually every young person who becomes homeless **was in school at one point**, and was very likely in contact with an adult (teacher, guidance counselor, coach) who knew something was wrong.



# Flexible Service Delivery Model

## Core Principles:



# Our Goals

1. Transform the way we respond to youth homelessness by **shifting the focus to prevention**
2. **Support Canadian communities** with planning and implementation of school-based prevention programs based on the TGP model
3. Noticeably **reduce school drop-out rates, family breakdown and involvement in crime**
4. Significantly **increase school engagement, graduation rates and access to safe, stable housing**
5. **Reduce the number of young people who experience homelessness**



# HOST HOMES





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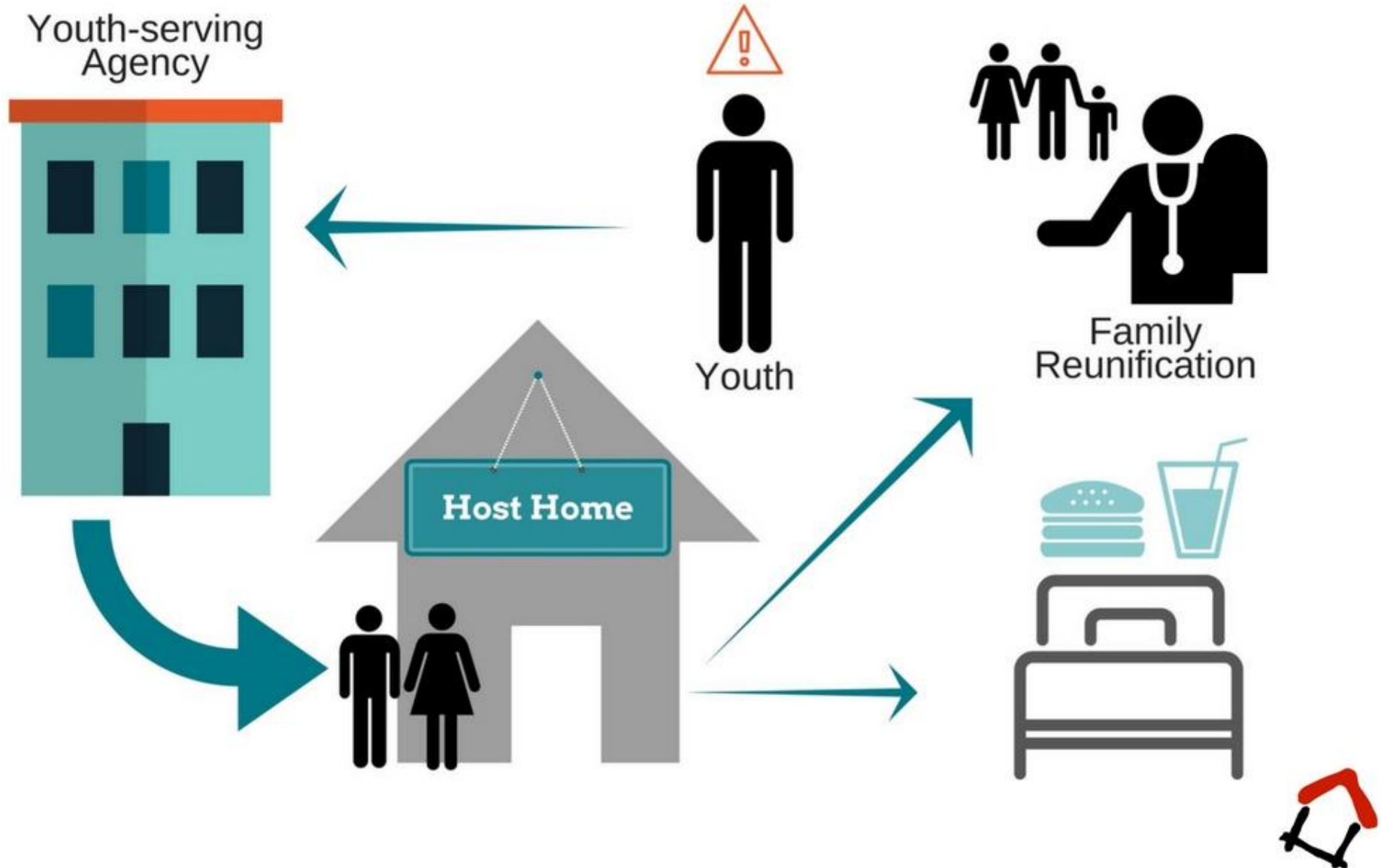
Host Homes offer an alternative to emergency shelters for youth, with members of the community opening their homes to provide safe accommodations for young people at-risk.

## **Host Homes can achieve the following benefits:**

- Enable youth and their families to resolve issues
- Ease the transition to independent living
- Reduce isolation
- Prevent youth who are leaving care from entering the youth homelessness system
- Create longer-term stability for youth within their community



# Host Homes



# Host Homes: National Scaling

**Raising the Roof is currently working with 360°kids and Nightstop UK to scale their Host Homes model across Canada**

- Raising the Roof will record key learnings from the pilot projects conducted by 360°kids' Nightstop (York Region) and Bridging the Gap's Host Homes (Halton Region)
- These key learnings will then be incorporated into the Nightstop model which Raising the Roof will pilot in additional communities
- The program will then be scaled across Canada



# National Scaling



**1 Scale Up**  
Impacting laws,  
policy and funding.

**2 Scale Out**  
Impacting greater  
numbers.

**3 Scale Down**  
Impacting the local  
level.



# Systems Implications



- Service Coordination
- Mental Health Services
- School Board Implications
- Ministries of Education

- Service Coordination
- Appropriate Housing Options
- Child Protective Services Implications
- Ministry of Children & Youth Services

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