# Collaboration and data for Coordinated Access

Lessons from Toronto's Coordinated Access Development CAEH Conference, Edmonton, November 4, 2019







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### **Homelessness and Toronto**





### **Homelessness in Toronto**



3,876 people in shelters (non-refugee/asylum claimants)

**2,618** refugee/asylum claimants in shelters

**497** people in 24-hour respite sites

118 people in 24-hour women's drop-ins

45 people in the Out of the Cold program

**1,028** people in provincial institutions (e.g., Violence Against Women shelters, health and treatment facilities)

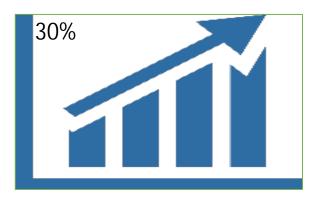
**533** estimated people sleeping outdoors

From Toronto Street Needs Assessment Point in Time Count April 26, 2018





### **Homelessness in Toronto**



**Average Market Rent** 









# What does Toronto's Coordinated Access System look like?





# CAHS Pilot (January 2017- October 2018)

• 5 core services:

Housing Allowances, Bridging Grants, Furniture Bank, Follow-Up Supports, Voluntary Trusteeship Program

- Single Point of access for 90 agencies
- 3500 households experiencing homelessness were connected with one or more services to help them achieve housing stability





# **CAHS Evaluation Recommendations**

### **Key Improvements**

Continue to Improve systems for data gathering

Address barriers to housing

**Expand CAHS** 





### What we've done

**Previous state** 

In progress

Multiple forms

**Unclear communication** 

**Unclear Access points** 

Online portal

Increase collaboration

**Creation of CAHS operations** 

Refine By Name List



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## By Name List





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Shelter Management Information System (SMIS)







### **By Name List**

#### Where Toronto is at:

### **Currently included:**

- ü Emergency shelters
- ü Respite spaces (80%)
- ü Refugee programs

#### **Initiated:**

Indigenous partners

#### In Progress:

 Streets to Homes (Outreach)

#### **Future state:**

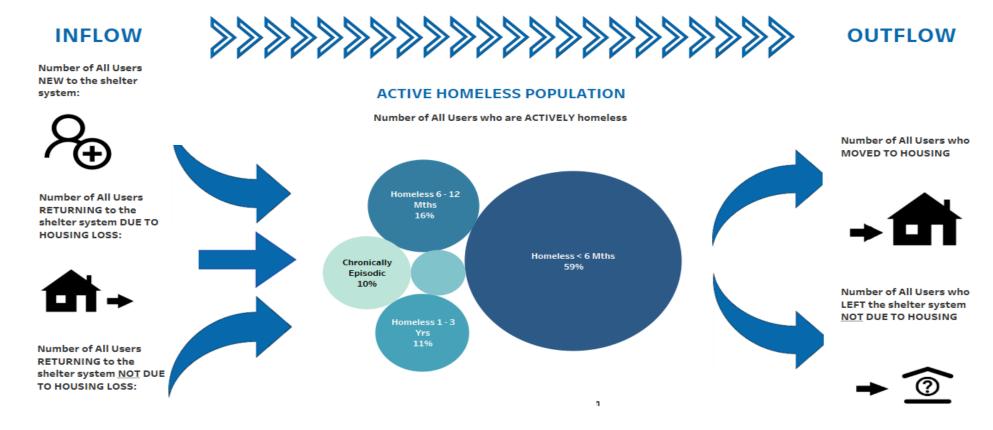
- Drop-ins
- Community based housing help

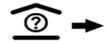


### What we're seeing in Toronto

**TORONTO** Shelter, Support & Housing Administration Shelter Flow for the Month of September 2019

Shelter User Population
All Users







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# Operationalizing our Data





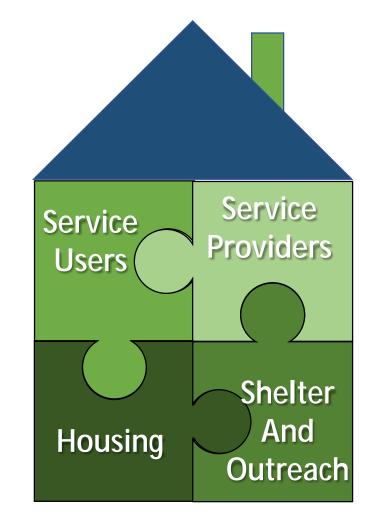
### **Data**

### Bringing Data and Operations together





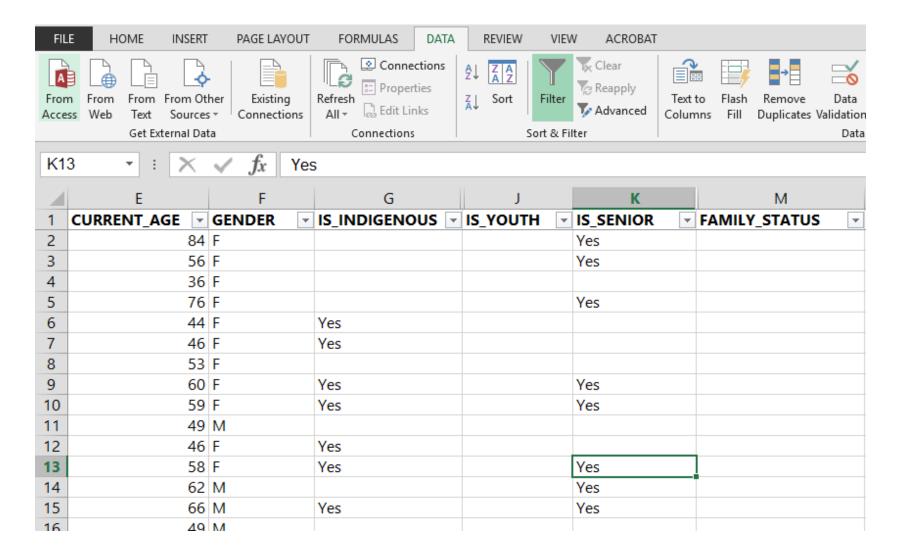
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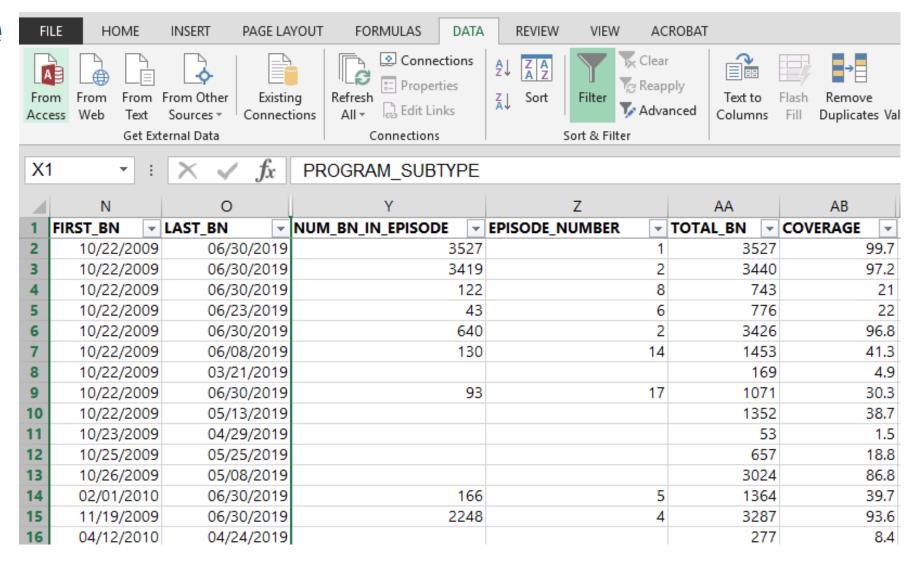
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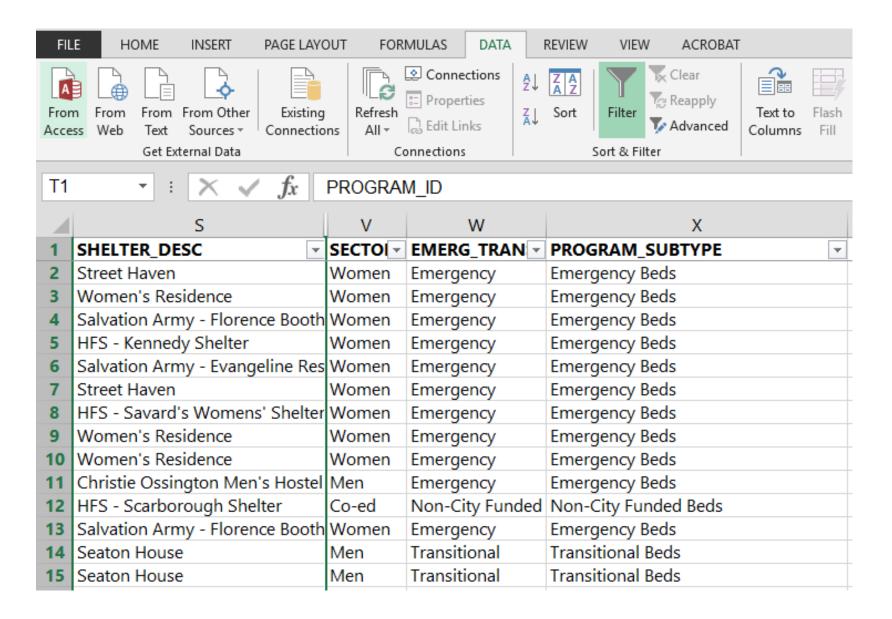
### **Prioritize**







### Locate





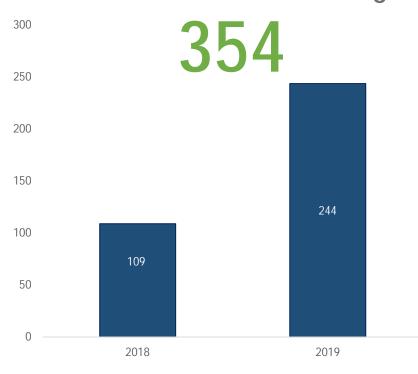


### **PATHS Outcomes**





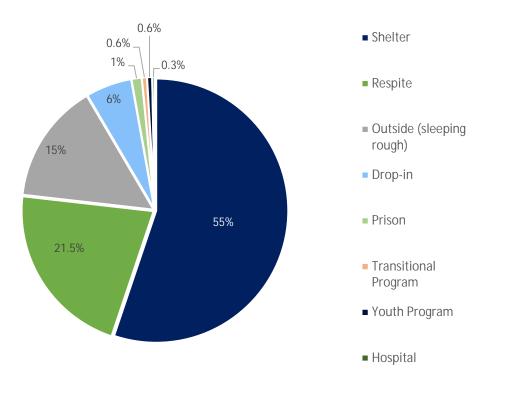
### Total number of people connected with housing:



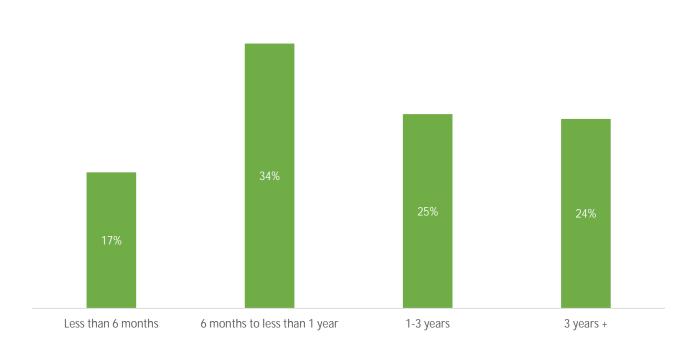


### Who are we housing?

#### **Location of Homelessness**



#### Length of Homelessness





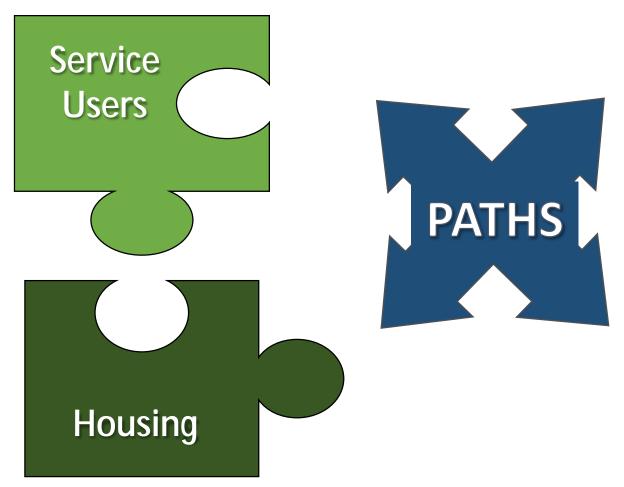


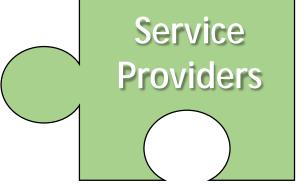
# Challenges, Lessons & Insights

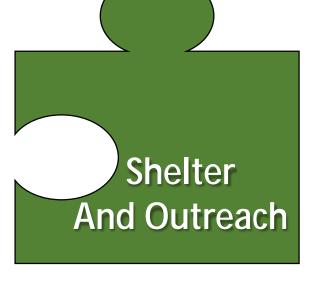




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### What we've learned

- Building relationships is key to positive outcomes
- Prioritization policy required
- Matching requires a team effort
- Service users always have self determination
- Common Assessment is key to matching



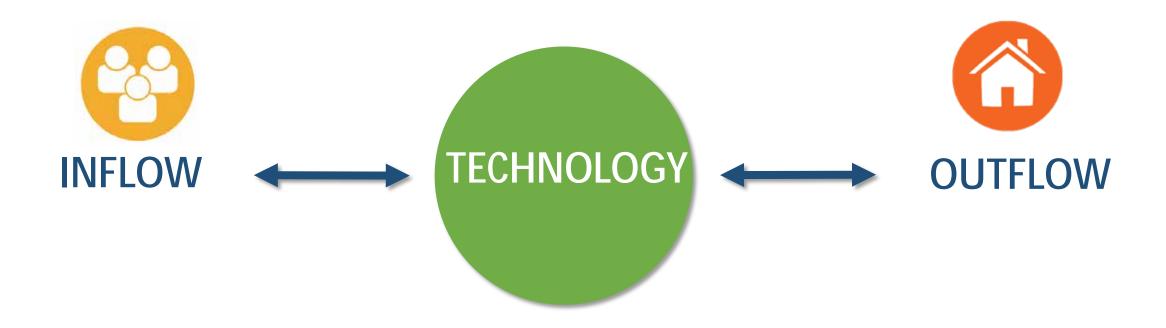


# Working with Code for Canada





### Why Code for Canada?

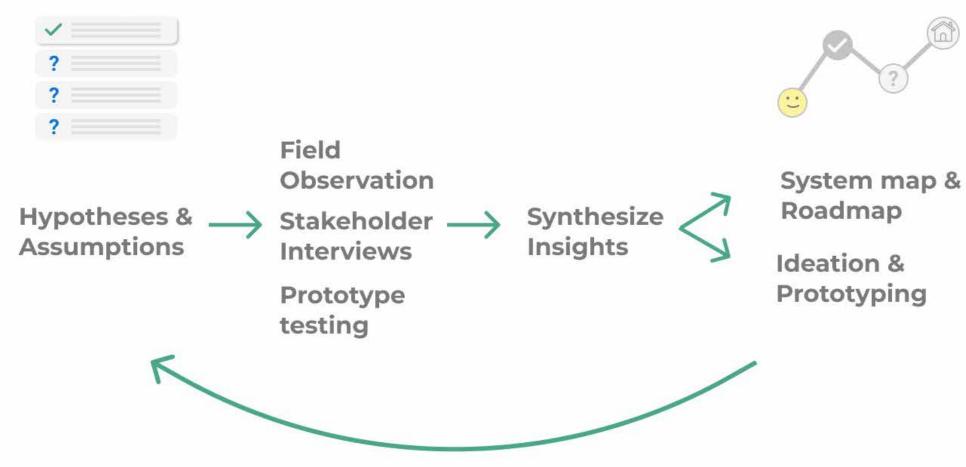








### How the Fellows work







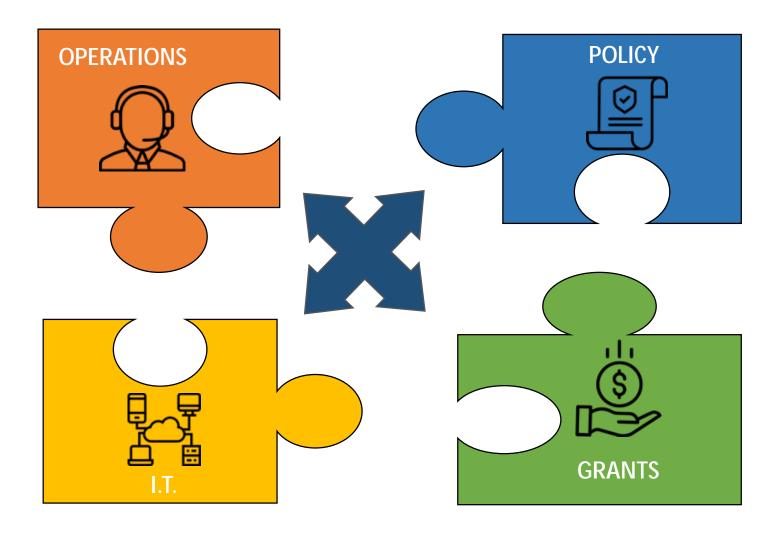
### What we are working towards







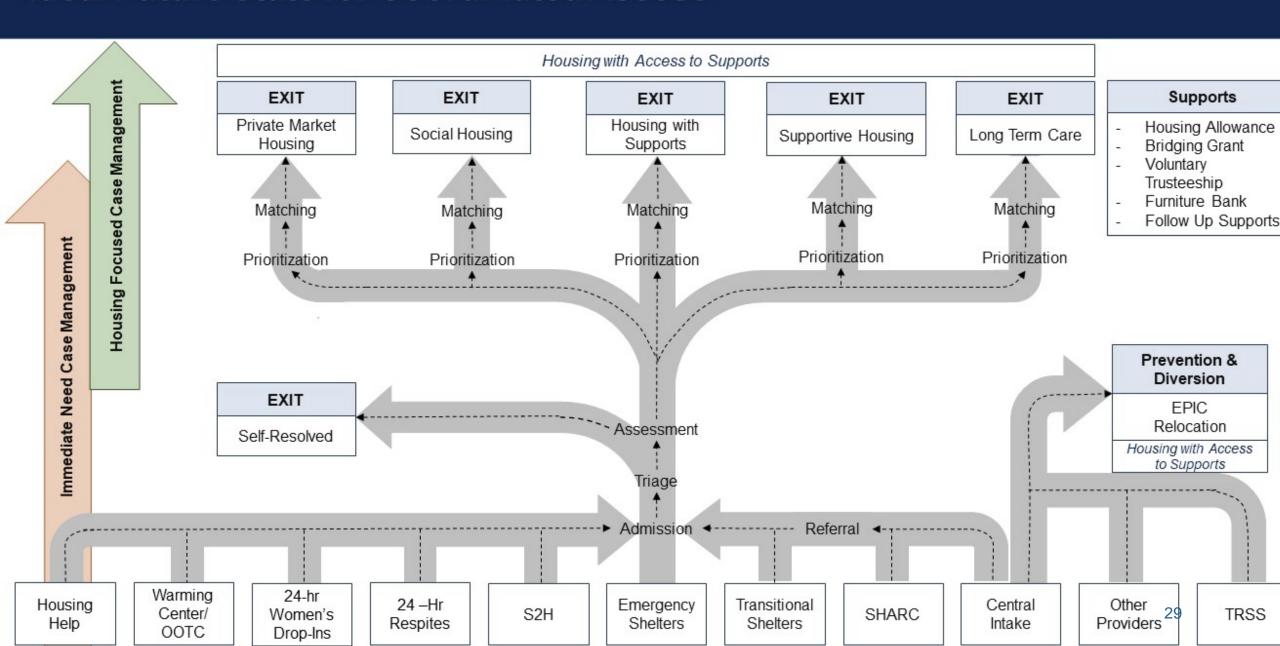
### System level coordination







### Ideal Future State for Coordinated Access





### Where do we go from here:









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