

# Youth Housing First and The Natural Supports Framework

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# Land Acknowledgement



# Who are we?

We're here to unearth potential  
across generations



# Housing First for Youth

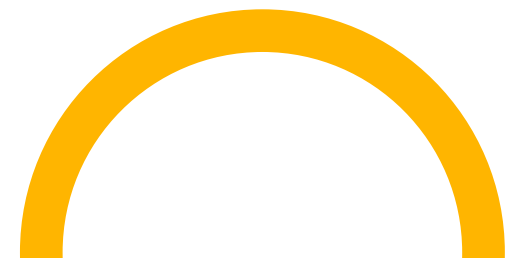
1. A right to housing with no preconditions
2. Youth choice, youth voice and self-determination
3. Positive youth development and wellness orientation
4. Individualized, client-driven supports with no time limits
5. Social inclusion and community integration



# Natural Supports Framework



1. Connection First
2. Seek Out & Scooch Over
3. Doing With, Not For
4. Social Emotional Learning
5. Harm Reduction Approach to Relationships



# Integration

- Starts at onboarding
- Youth first point of contact
- Creating opportunities for connection
- Indigenous perspective



# Challenges and Learnings

- Assumptions/Biases
- Subpopulations overrepresented
- Vicarious and Intergenerational trauma
- Re-examining policies
- NSQ and placement process

# OUR IMPACT



**11** Youth supported in returning to their family home upon program completion

**84%**

**71%**

**87%**

**86%**

"This program is helping me connect with my family and other positive adults who can help me"



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# Questions?

