

# Canadian Housing First Network Réseau canadien du logement d'abord

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**CANADIAN  
HOUSING FIRST  
NETWORK**  
COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

# Land Acknowledgement

**We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.**



# Canadian Housing First Network

- **Overview and purpose of the network**
- **Introduction of Steering Committee members**
- **Inventory of HF programs in Canada**
- **Webinar series – review of past webinars, and ideas for 2024 webinar topics**
- **Fidelity exchange project**
- **How can the network help you implement HF programs?**
- **Future steps**

# Canadian Housing First Network

**Purpose:** Assist communities across Canada to develop, evaluate, and improve Housing First (HF) programs based on the Pathways model tested, adapted, and shown to be effective in the At Home / Chez Soi Demonstration Project.

## **Goals:**

- **Build local capacity for HF programs**
- **Promote high quality implementation of the HF model that includes both fidelity to and adaptation of the model**
- **Promote continuous program improvement through the provision of training, the development of HF program standards, the exploration of accreditation standards**
- **Advocate and influence public policy related to HF.**



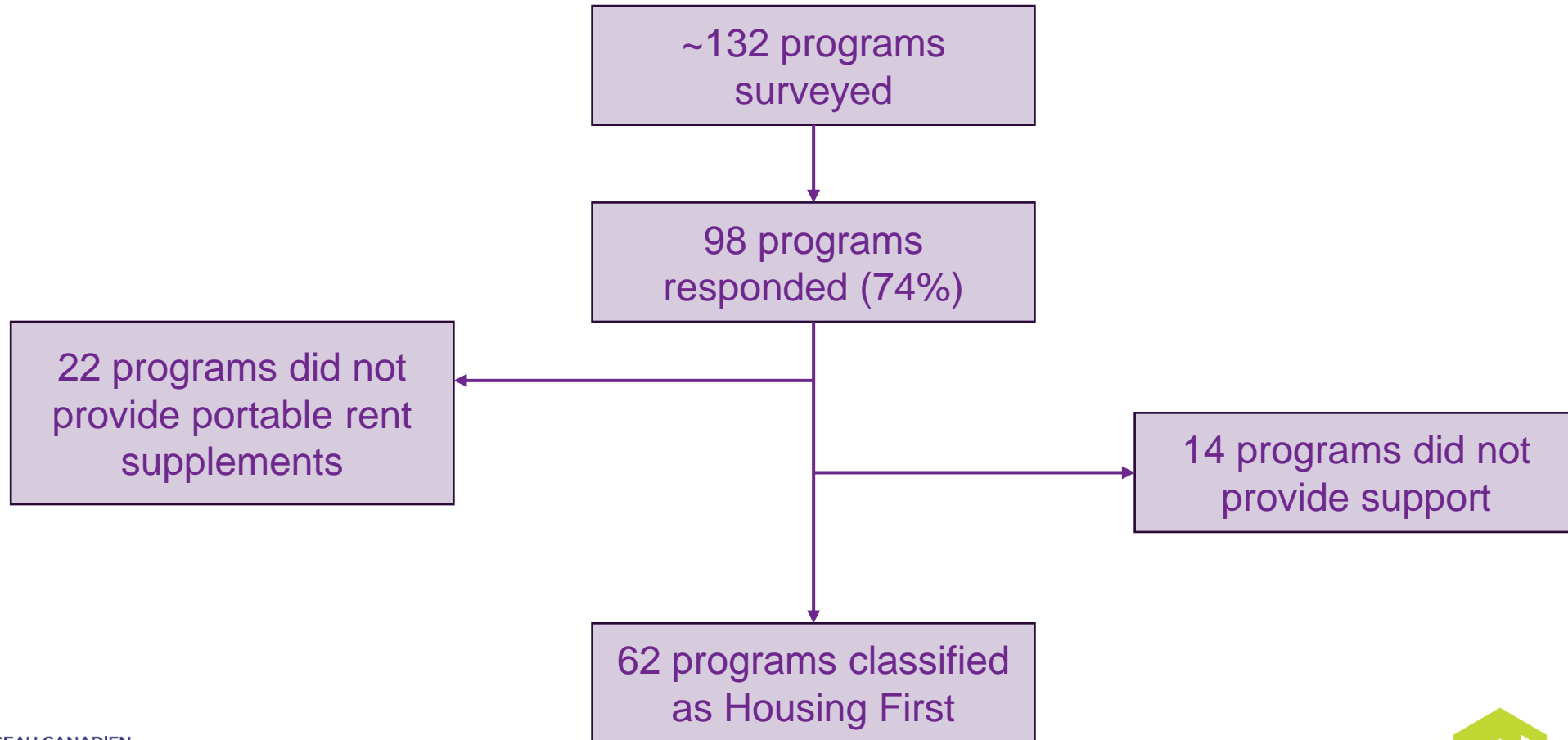
# Canadian Housing First Network Steering Committee Members

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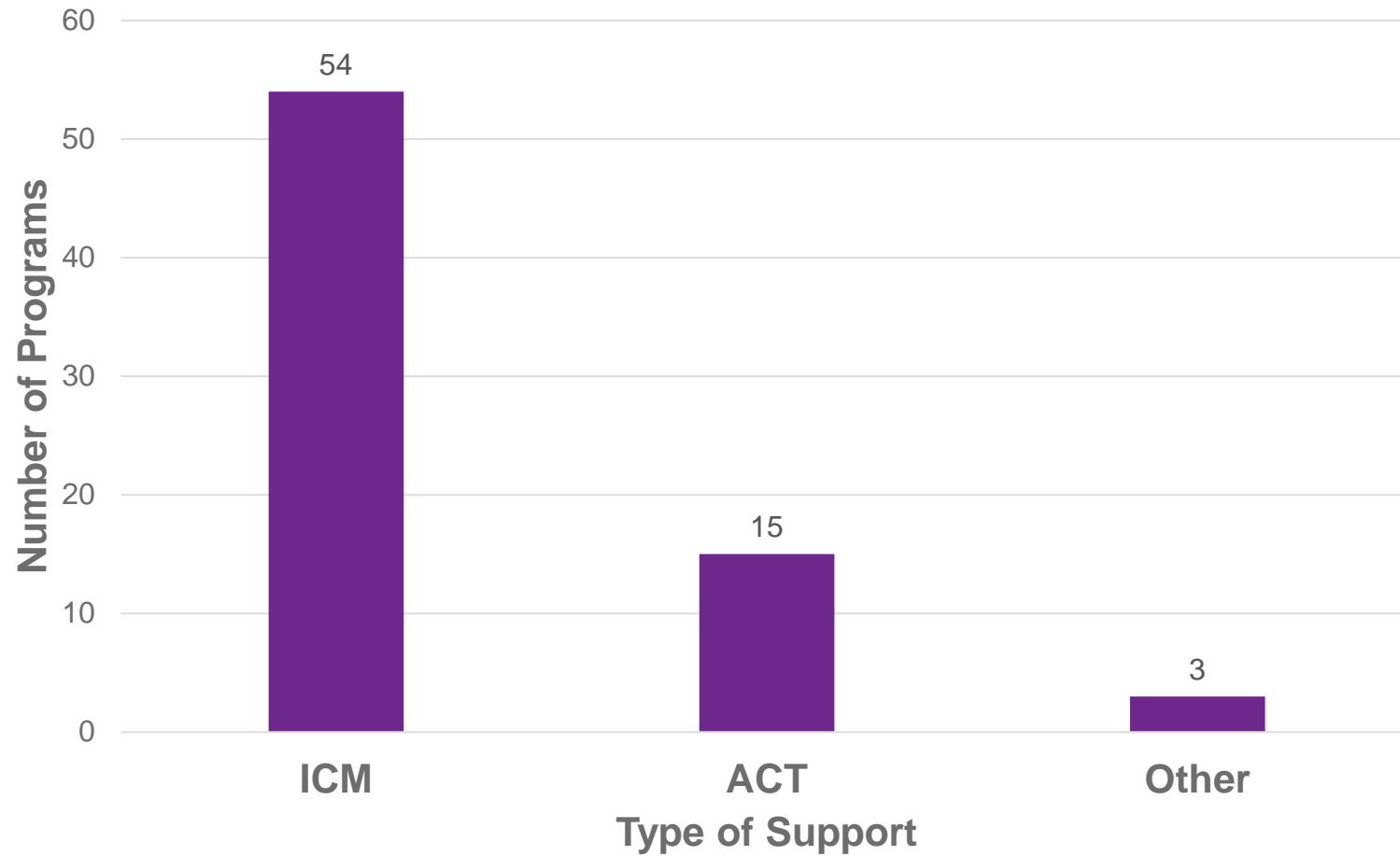
# Inventory of Housing First Programs in Canada

- **Online survey of Housing First programs in Canada conducted in 2023**
- **Goal of survey was to develop an inventory of HF programs with whom the network can share information about events, research, and advocacy efforts**
- **Survey conducted in two stages: (1) Identify programs through CHFN contacts across Canada, (2) Solicit invitation of programs to complete the survey**
- **Survey focused on asking programs about presence of rent supplements and support, history, size of programs, and if they followed core principles of HF**

# Housing First Survey Response Diagram

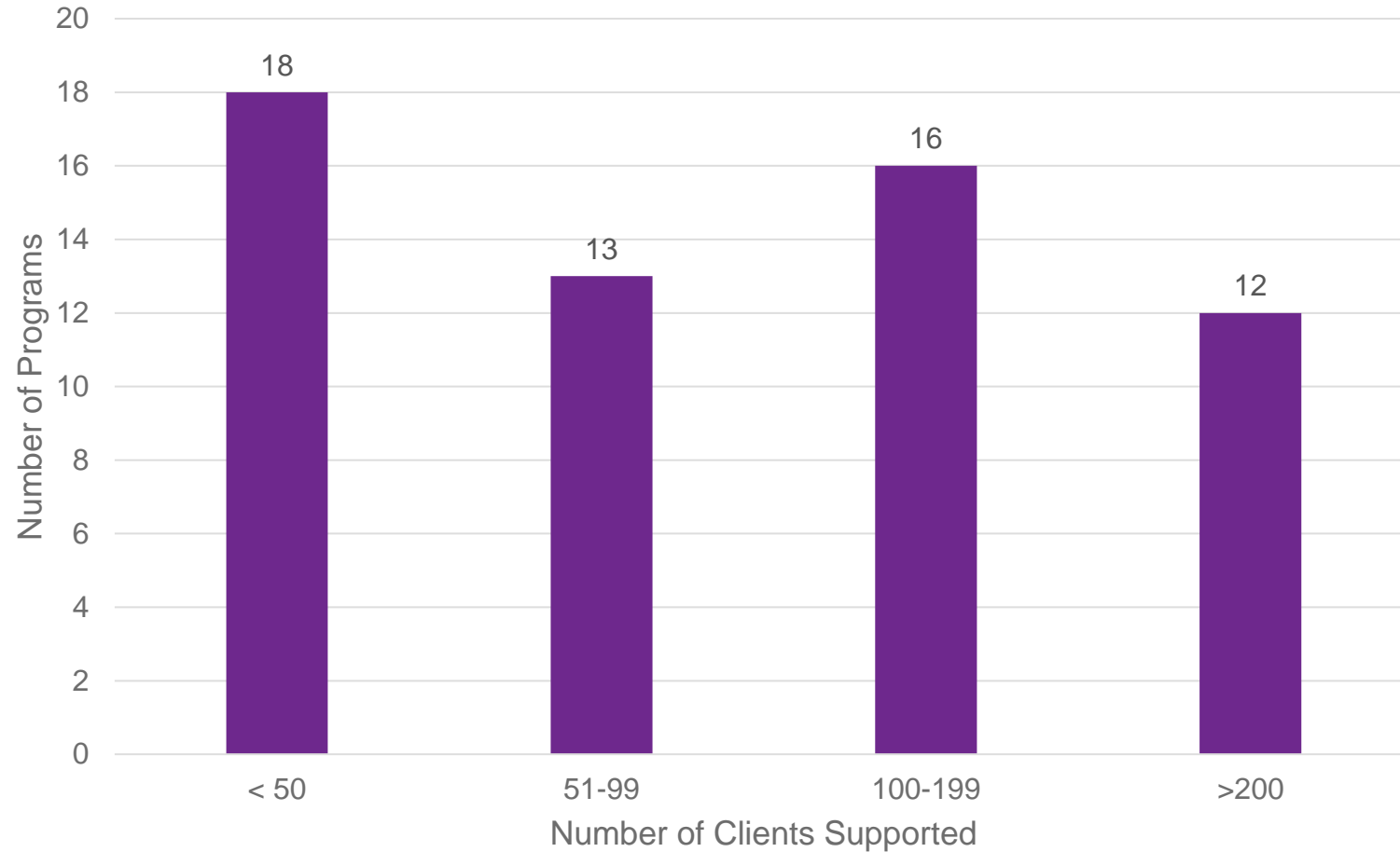


# Housing First Programs by Type of Support

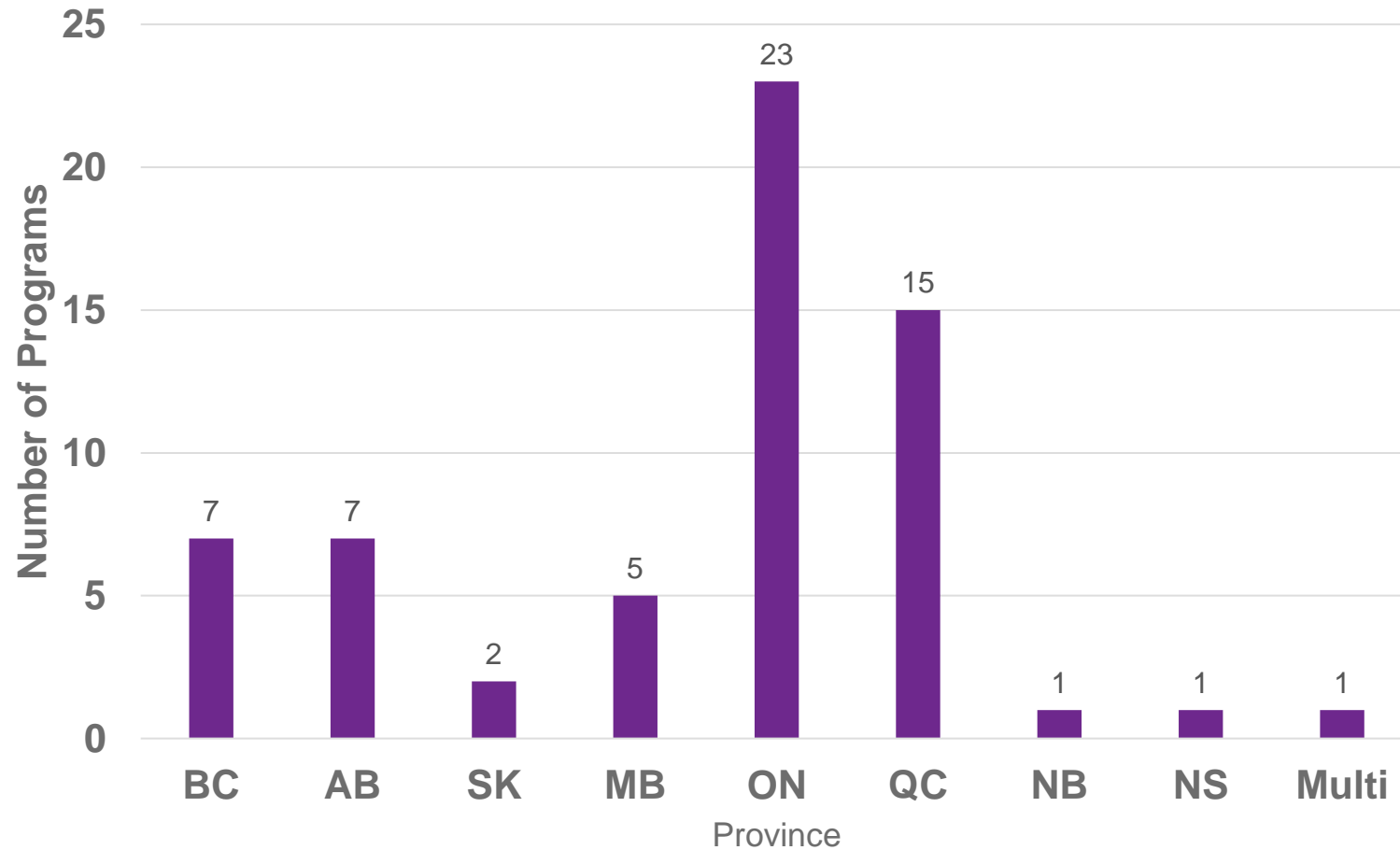




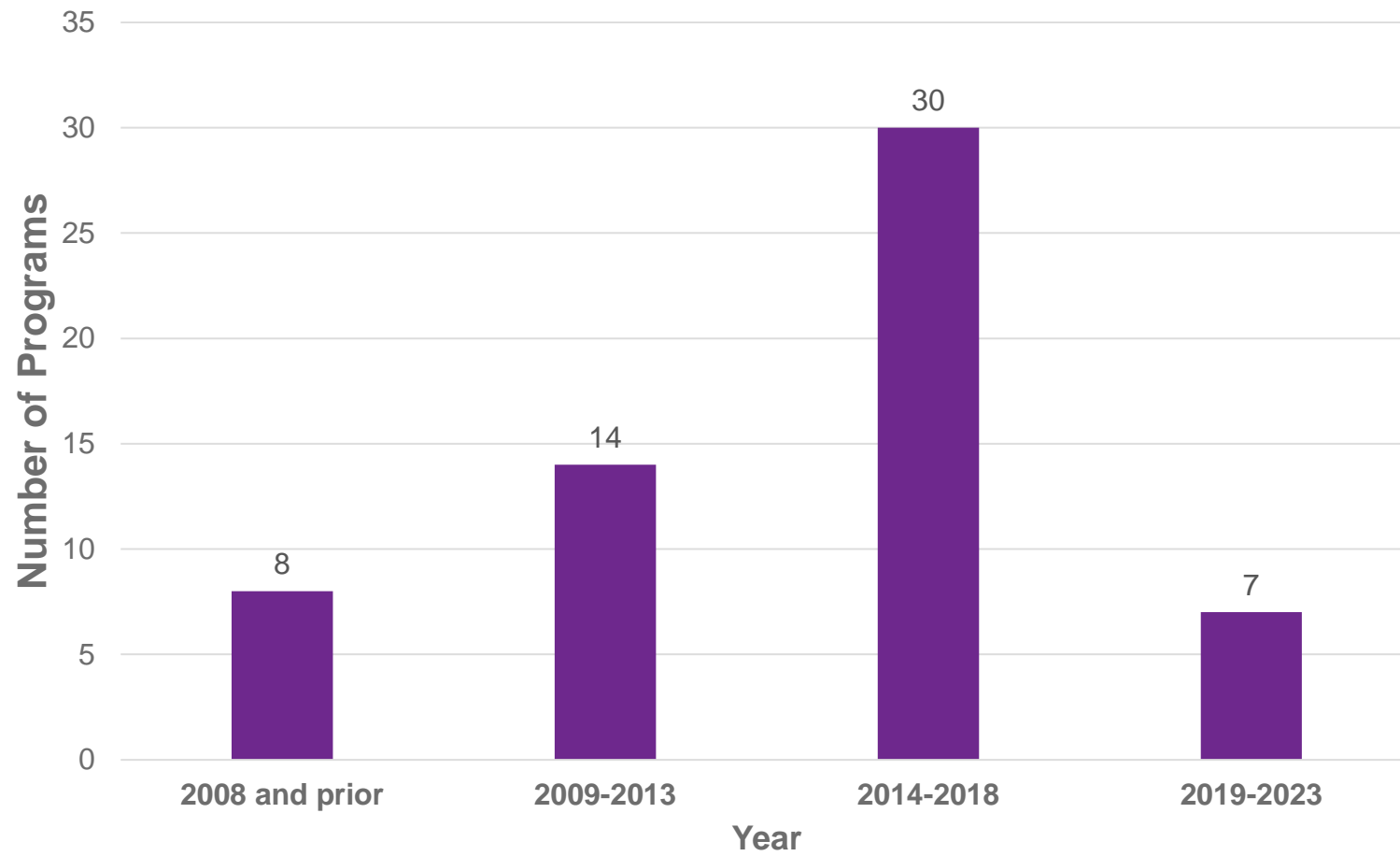
# Housing First Programs by Size



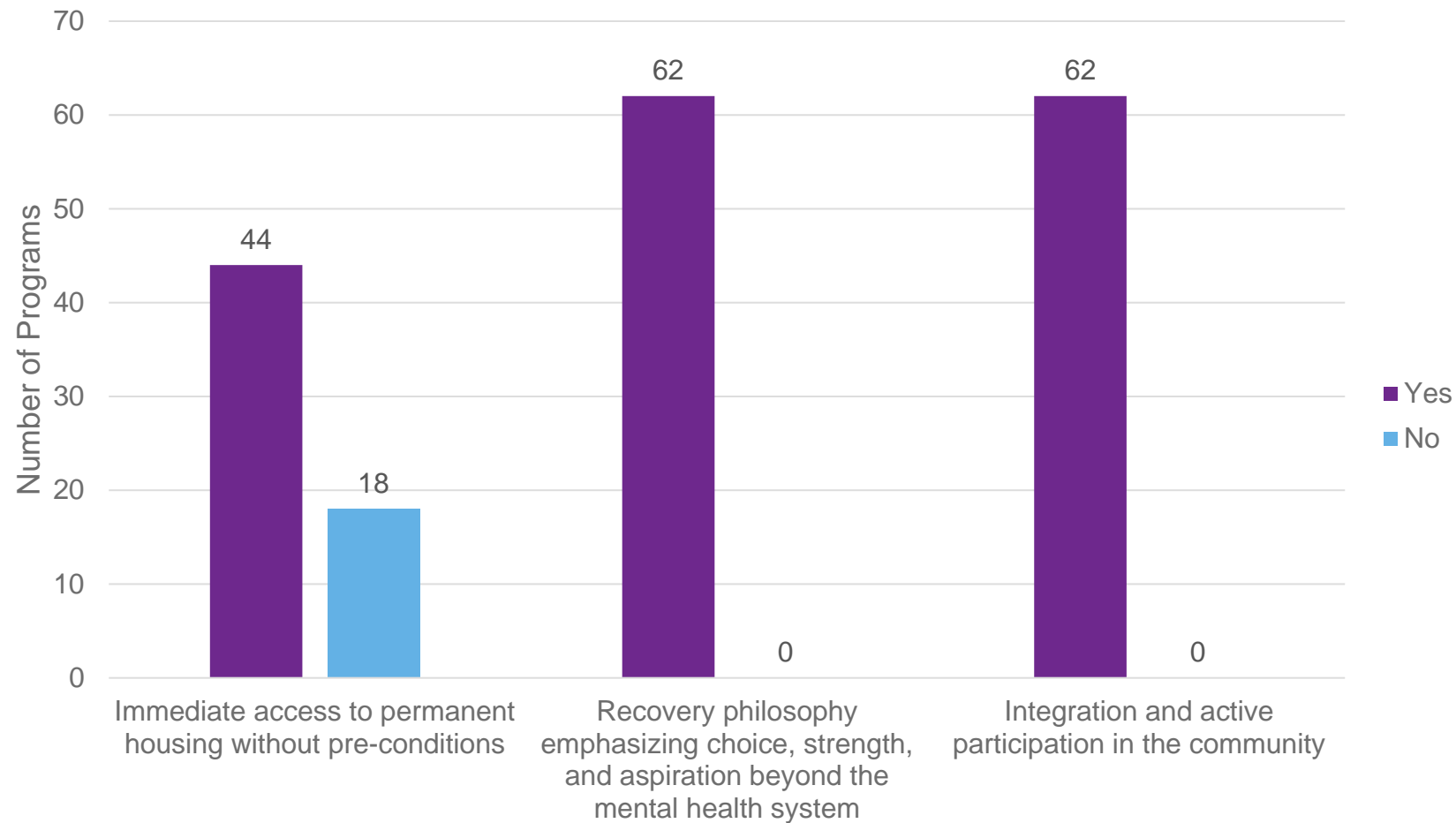
# Housing First Programs by Province



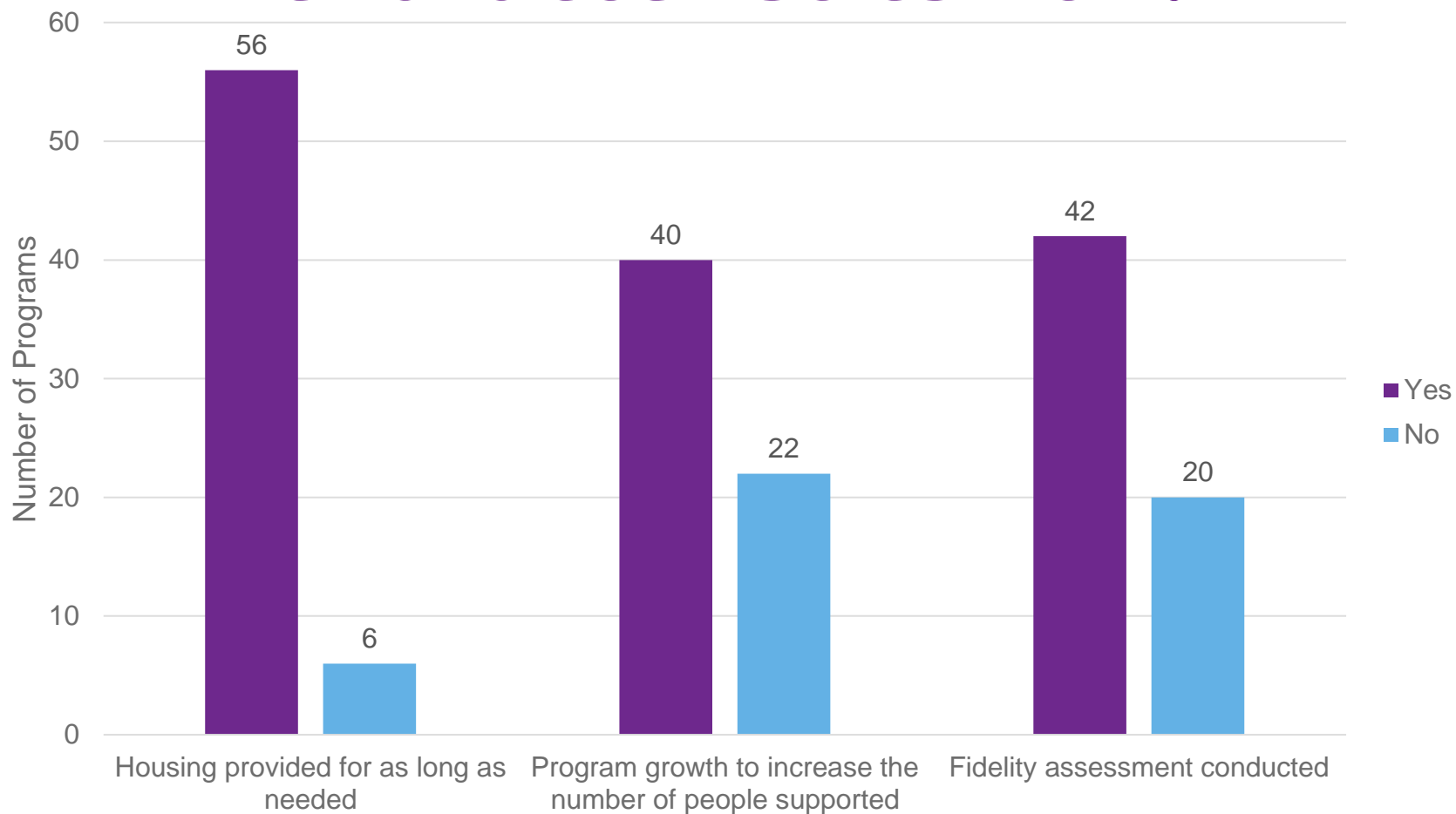
# Housing First Programs by Year



# Housing First Programs by Characteristics Pt 1.



# Housing First Programs by Characteristics Pt 2.



# Past Webinars

Rent assistance - 2017	Fidelity, 2017	Housing as a human right, 2018
Involvement of people with lived experience as paid staff, 2018	What's next after HF?, 2019	Collective care, 2019
Innovative ways to create affordable housing, 2019	COVID19, homelessness, and HF, 2020	Health, homelessness, and COVID19, 2020
Racism and anti-racism in HF, 2020	HF and women, 2021	HF and influencing policy, 2021
HF and the 10-20%, 2021	HF and the criminal justice system, 2022	HF and data collection for systems change, 2023
HF and youth, 2023	Scatter-site and single site housing, 2023	

# What Ideas Do You Have for Webinars for 2024?

**Talk with the person that you're sitting next to you for a few minutes about topics for future webinars**

# Fidelity Exchange

## What Is a Fidelity Exchange?

### Pilots:

- **2019 – Peel Region and CMHA Toronto**
- **2023 – Peel Region and Galway, Ireland conducted virtually**
- **How many of you have participated in fidelity assessment**
- **Would your program be interested in participating in a fidelity exchange?**





# Other Network Activities

- **Housing First Toolkit Revision**
- **Contact with provincial and federal politicians and their staff re: HF**
- **Op Eds**
- **Development of resource materials – Policy briefs, Evidence at a Glance, Fidelity manual**
- **Compilation of other HF resources**
- **Hosted one-day Housing First Forum in 2018 and 2019 and 3-day, virtual International HF Conference in 2021**



# Three Questions for You

- In groups of 4-5, brainstorm the following questions
  1. What are the burning issues you face in your work in HF?
  2. How can the HF network support you in your work to implement HF programs?
  3. How would you like to contribute to the network?
- We will have a reporting back.



# For More Information on the Network

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