

Removing the Constraints on Preventing and Ending Homelessness

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Background

Despite the development of a National Housing Strategy, and wide-scale adoption of Housing First, communities across Canada are for the most part seeing an increase in rough sleeping, shelter utilization, and waitlists for access to Housing First and other housing programs.

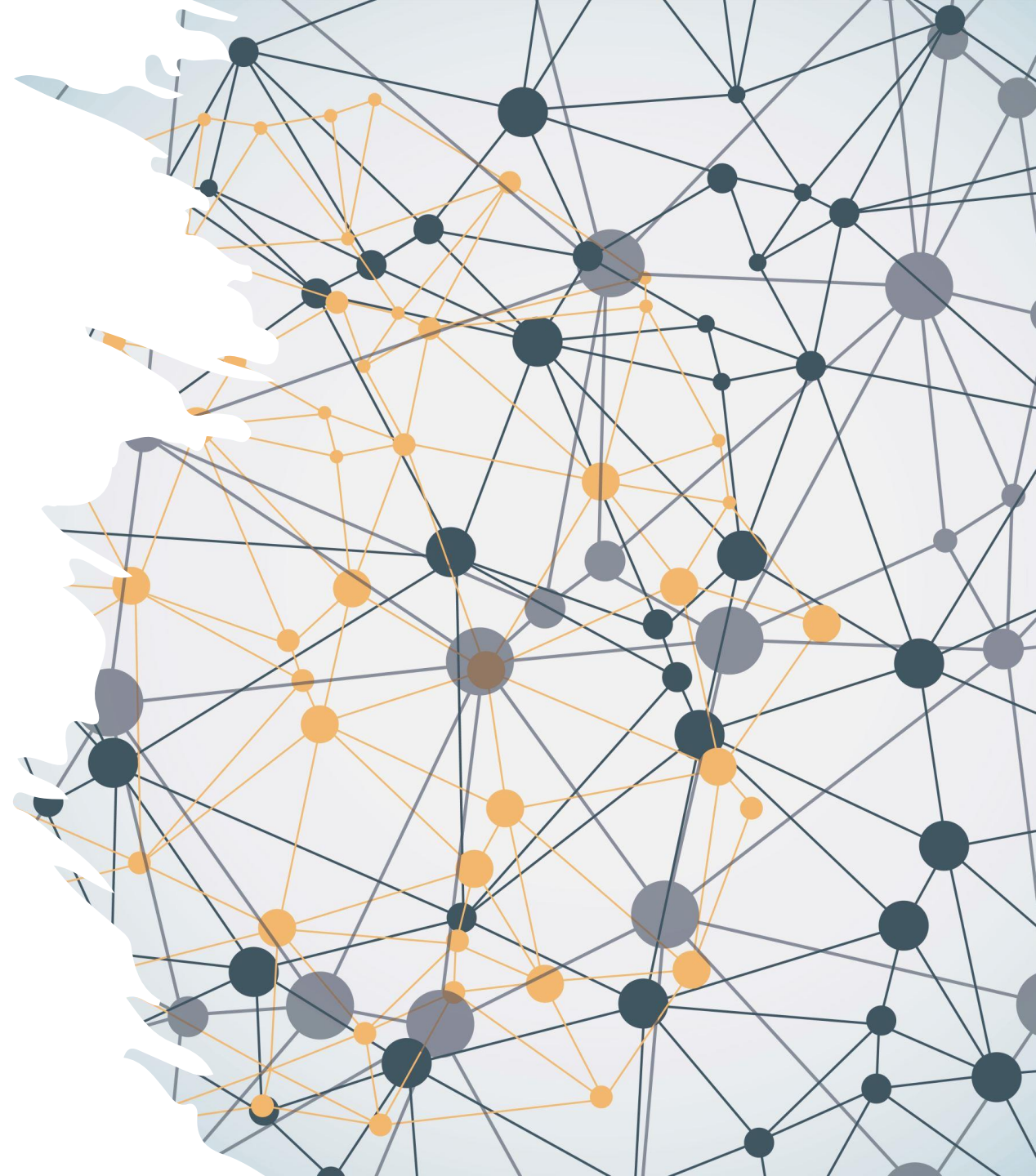


The Hope

- Housing is a **human right** and social good
- Without transforming systemic problems, **the homeless-serving sector cannot independently end homelessness.**
- Both **prevention and evidence-based responses** need to be in place, working hand-in-hand. And, prevention needs to occur at the micro, meso, and macro levels.

The Challenge

- Many frameworks or government plans/strategies already exist, however we approach this work unconstrained by timelines (ie. 4-year government cycles), budgets (what would it really take?), and politics.



Research Question

➤ What would it really take to prevent and end homelessness in Ontario, and subsequently in Canada?

- Positioning the policy challenge into context;
- Analyzing current policy within a theoretical context;
- Empirical engagement of localized knowledge.

The Partnership



Funding: The project entitled “Designing a Framework to Prevent and End Homelessness in Ontario” received funding from the **Social Sciences and Humanities Research (SSHRC)** Partnership Development Grant.

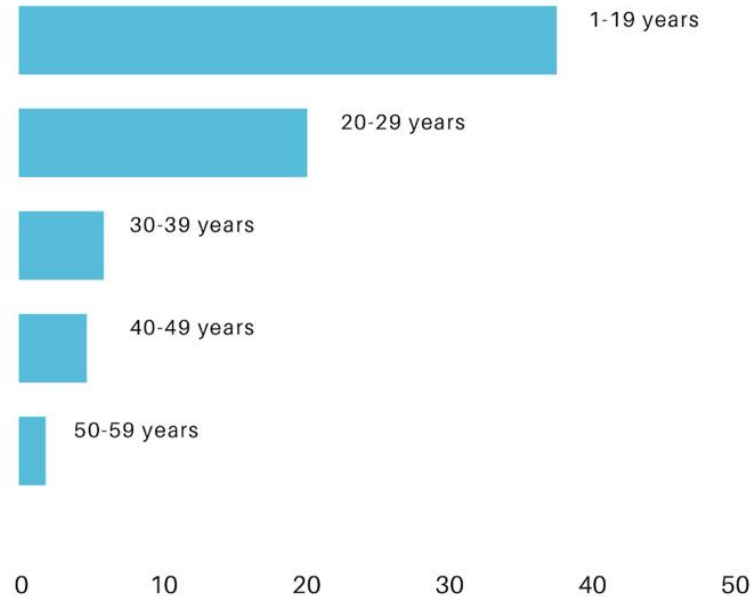
The Process

- 70 key informant interviews – with lived experts, policy makers/deliverers, service providers, academics, activists/advocates
- Analyzed descriptively for content
- Interpretive analysis

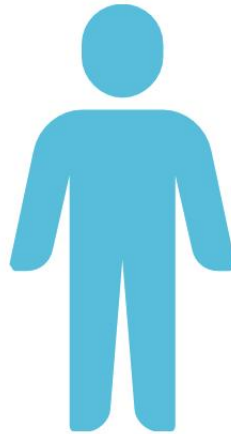


The Process

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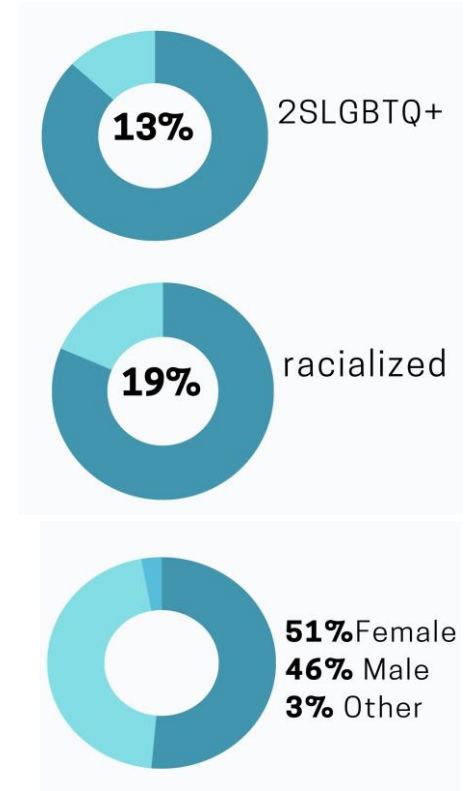


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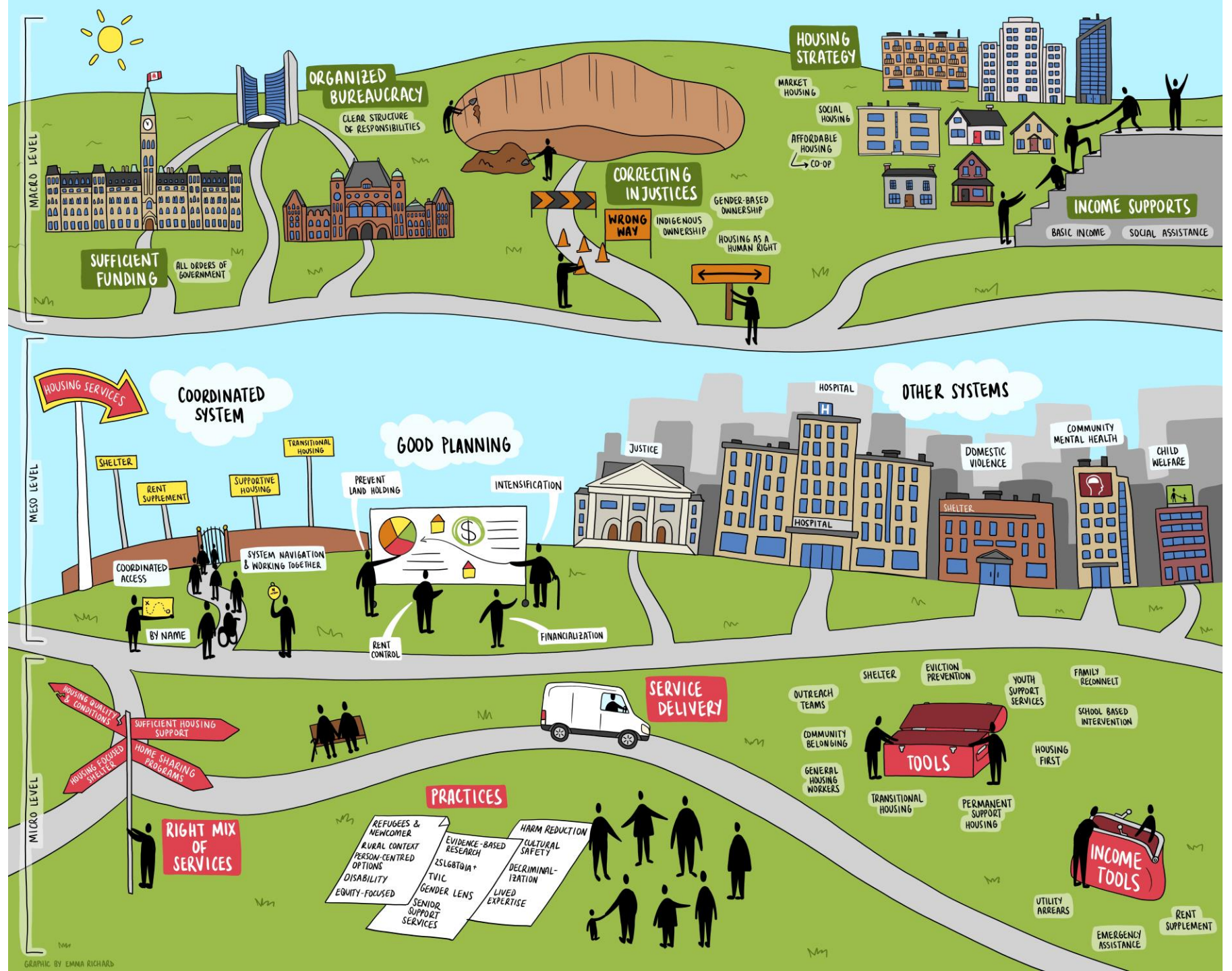


37% Academia
24% Management
19% Lead Administrator
11% Policymaking
9% Other

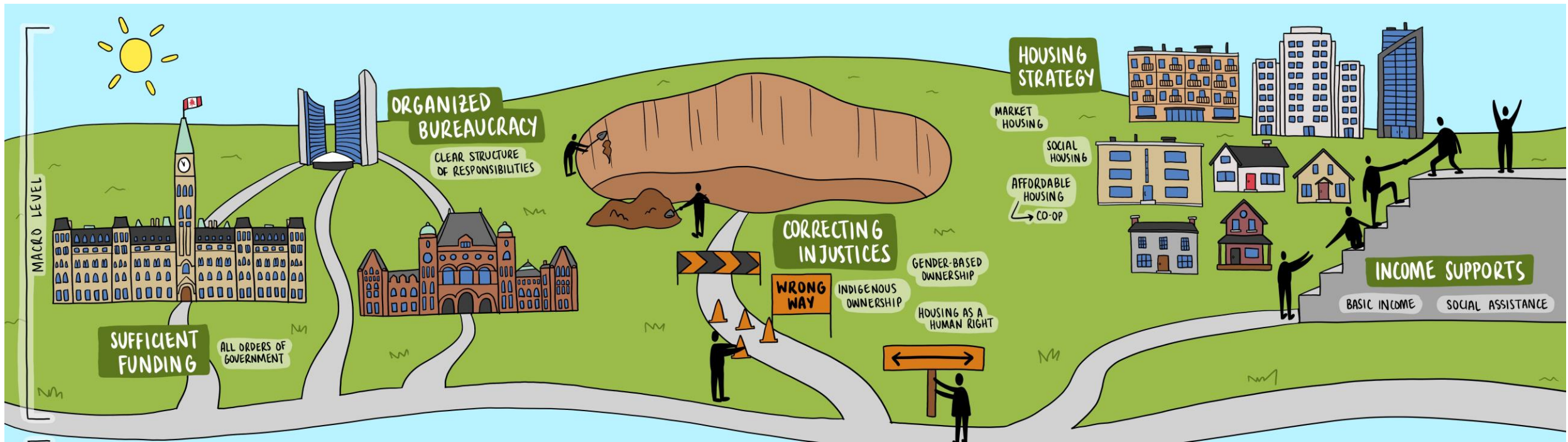
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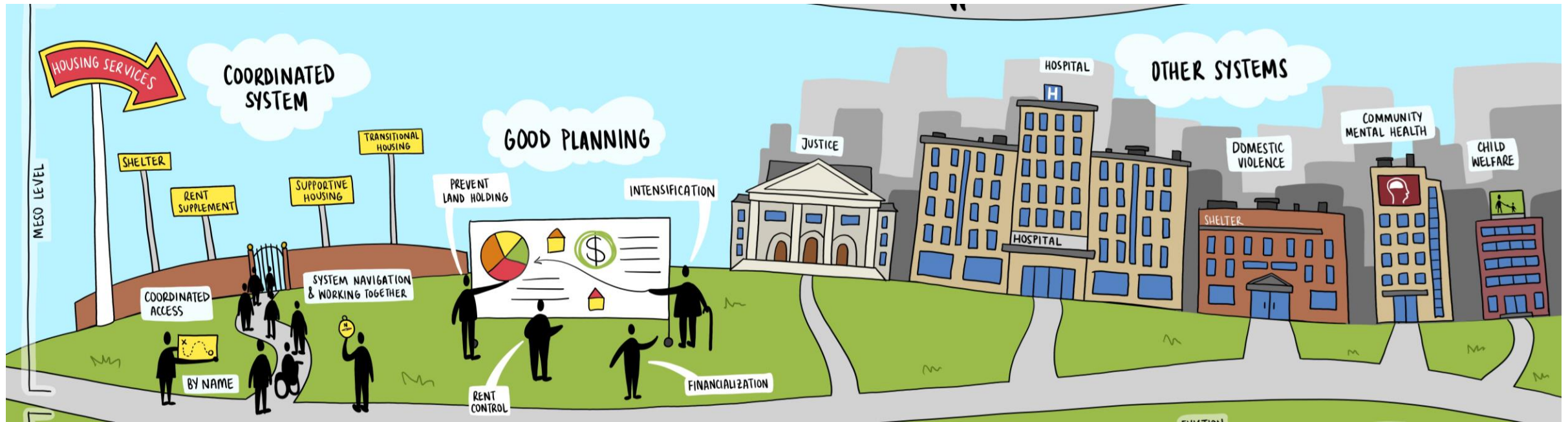
Findings



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System Shifts #1

System Shifts #2

System Shifts #3

System Shifts #4

An Ideal Future?

- Next steps



Thank you!

