# The Role of Shelters in Ending Homelessness

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SAFE HARBOUR

SAFE PEOPLE. SAFE COMMUNITY.

# Safe Harbour's Context

* Red Deer a mid sized community (100,000)
* Centrally located
* 10 programs
* Operating with local and provincial plans to end homelessness

# History

* Peoples Place (10 $\longrightarrow$ 46)
* Mats (20 $\longrightarrow$ 26)
* Housing

# The Old - Basic Needs Mentality

* Food
* Shelter
* Clothing

* More beds
* Crisis management
* Protection/ownership
* Last hope
* Acceptance

# Along Comes Housing

# The Perceived Conflict!

# Shelter vs Housing

# The Resolution

There is no winner.  The two,  although distinct, cannot be separated.  Each has to have the capacity to do what they need to do and the ability to hold the other accountable. Relationships and trust need to be built.

**We are all in this together**

# The New - Basic Needs Plus

* Diversion
* Deliberate conversations
* Expectations
* Connections
* Outcomes
* Housing Intake
* Available housing options

# Change the conversation – be there in the mean time

"Of course we need blankets because we are looking after folks…..but you know what we really need is housing options"

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