

EVERYONE IS HOME

CREATING A CONTINUUM OF SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN YELLOWKNIFE

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference, November 5th 2019

YELLOWKNIFE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

- Established 1990
- To make sure there is a permanent, unfettered forum for women to:
 - Maintain their voice in the North,
 - Nurture and celebrate cultural diversity, and
 - Live healthy and empowered lives, enriching themselves, their families and their communities.

YELLOWKNIFE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Services for women... and men?

- Grassroots theoretical basis
- Service users = Indigenous women from across the north
- Community-orientation in services, rather than gender-orientation

DEFINITIONS

- Scattered Site – apartments in various buildings throughout the city
- Congregate – apartments located in the same building
- Single Room Occupancy – rental rooms that share kitchen and bathroom facilities
- Supportive Housing – housing includes varying levels of support, including life skills training, assistance with income support, health care system navigation
- Transitional Housing – supportive housing, with the expectation that individuals will move on into more independent living situations within a determined amount of time
- Acuity – A composite measure of factors used to assess vulnerability (addictions, mental/physical health, criminal justice involvement, etc.)

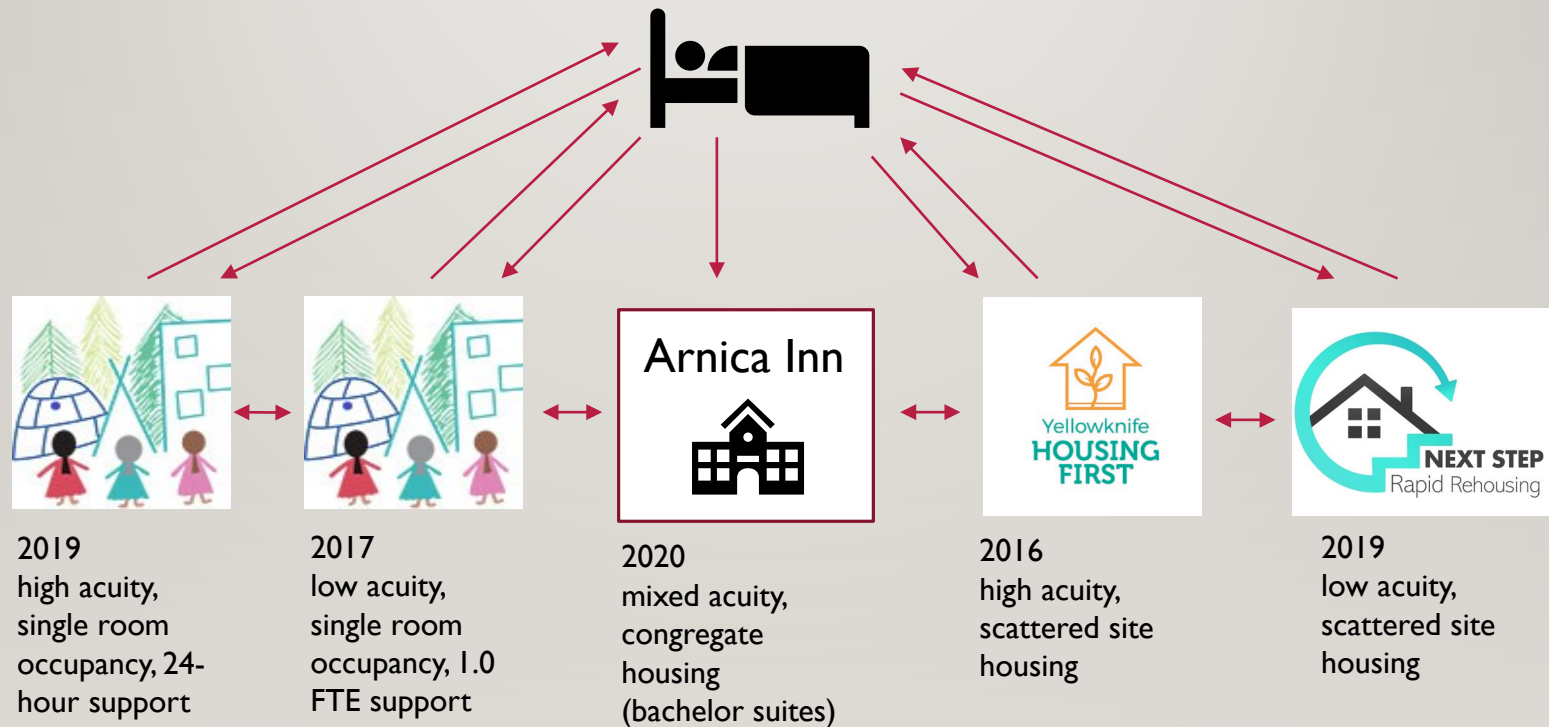
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- Shelter - 2001 (and earlier)
- Scattered Site Housing First Apartments - 2016
- Single Room Occupancy (“second stage”) - 2017
- Scattered Site Next Step Apartments – 2019
- Single Room Occupancy (“intensive support”) – 2019
- Congregate Bachelor Units – possibly 2020

ARNICA INN PROJECT

- Congregate housing
- 42 bachelor units (kitchens and kitchenettes)
- Rent geared to income
- Supports geared to need

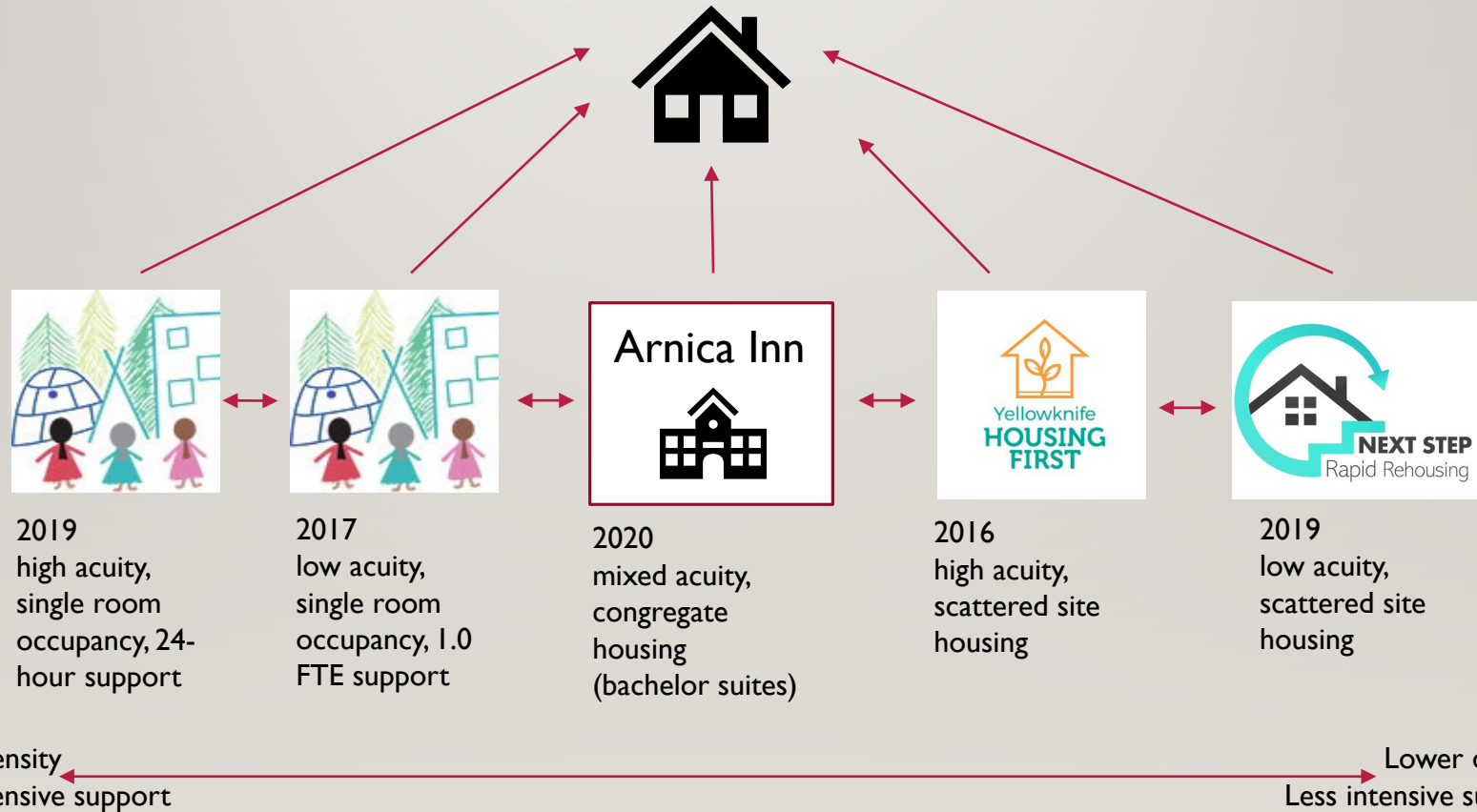
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Higher density
More intensive support

Lower density
Less intensive support

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NEXT STEPS

- Renovations to be complete in December
- Final purchase condition is financing – deadline March 31st, 2020
- If successful – focus on programs, work on ensuring that everyone has housing that matches their housing wants and their programming needs

THANK YOU!



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