



RE-DEFINING & RE-ALIGNING -*BUILDING SAFER,
SUSTAINABLE SPACES FOR WOMEN*

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Land Acknowledgement



We honour and acknowledge the traditional lands of Treaty 7 Territory of Southern Alberta, shared by the Îyârhe Nakoda Nations of Goodstoney, Chiniki and Bearspaw; the Blackfoot Confederacy of the Pikani, Kainai, and Siksika; and the Tsuu T'ina of the Dene people. Treaty 7 territory is also shared with the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. We recognize that we have a responsibility to understand our history and the Spirit and Intent of Treaty 7 so that we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and build a future on Peace, Friendship, and Understanding for a just and caring future.

A Unique Rural Context

Tourism Economy

Community Diversity

High Concentration of 18-30 year olds
(in Banff)

Lack of Housing/High Cost of Living



Shaping a safe and inclusive Bow Valley that empowers women and their community for a better future.

YWCA Banff

Programs and Services

YWCA Banff Social
Enterprise Hotel

Affordable Housing



Better Understanding Women's Needs



Coming But Not Staying

Challenges of Shared Spaces

Need for Family Spaces

Some more context

Organizational Readiness

Garnering support for
women's homelessness
& getting our own
house in order



Today – Dr. Priscilla Wilson's Place



What Success Looks Like



Key Learnings



INTERNAL SHIFTS



IMPORTANCE OF STORY
TELLING



FLEXIBILITY &
CAPITALIZING ON UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITIES



ASSESS CAPACITY &
RESOURCE
APPROPRIATELY

The Future





QUESTIONS?

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