



# AT HOME IN MEDICINE HAT

OUR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

YEAR 9 PROGRESS REPORT

The past year has been a year of reconsideration and confirmation of the necessary changes that we will need to undertake as a community to continue to progress this remarkable work. We welcomed two new providers and expanded services under a prevention framework, focusing on children and their families. The expansion to a year round day-time sheltering option for those not yet engaged with housing services was also new this past year, and has seen positive results for those transitioning into housing and connecting to community services. Collaborative work with Alberta Health Services to offer a nine bed stabilization and recovery option for individuals waiting for treatment, and those transitioning into community from treatment and in need of additional housing and recovery supports. Medicine Hat continues to lead in the efforts to end homelessness and redefines what it means to be progressive and innovative in the space of social change ● ● ●

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MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT FOOD BANK ASSOCIATION (MHFB)  
MEDICINE HAT COMMUNITY HOUSING SOCIETY (MHCHS)  
MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE  
SALVATION ARMY  
SERVICE CANADA

**2018-2019**  
***Community Council***  
***on Homelessness***



# IMPACT OF HOUSING FIRST IN MEDICINE HAT

2009 - 2019

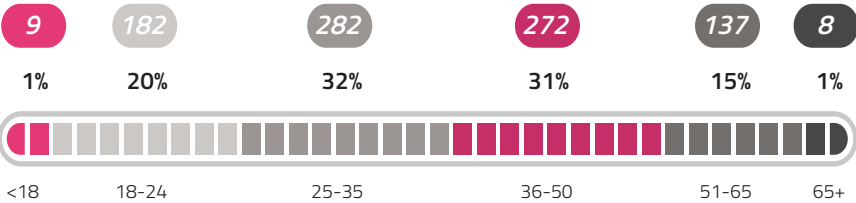


Chronically Homeless

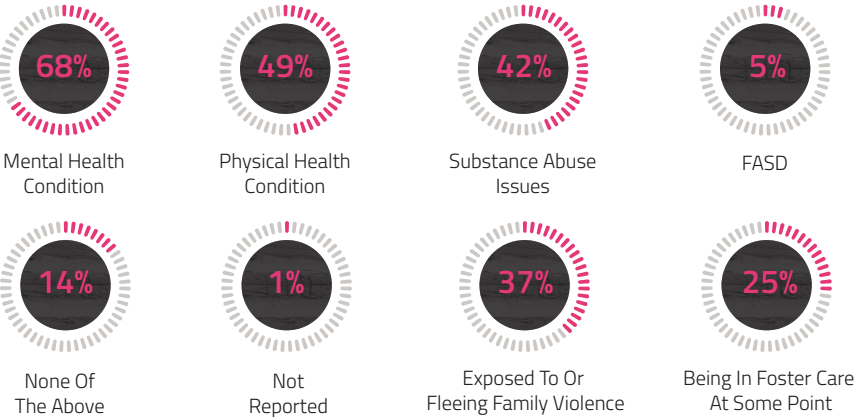


Episodically Homeless

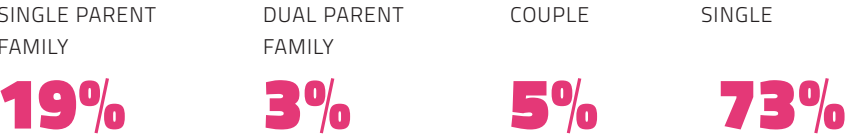
## AGE



## AT INTAKE PARTICIPANTS REPORTED



## HOUSEHOLD TYPE



# PARTICIPANTS HOUSED

Since the onset of the housing first initiatives on April 1, 2009, 1212 formerly homeless individuals have been housed and supported.

# 1212

ADULTS 890 CHILDREN 322

## 81% POSITIVE PROGRAM EXIT

HOUSING TYPE AT EXIT	
Subsidized Housing	21%
Market Housing	61%
Family or Friends	13%

## MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME AT INTAKE

AB Works/Income Support	40%
No Income	30%
AISH	11%
Employment	7%
Employment Insurance	3%
Other	9%

VETERANS HOUSED 18

## ETHNICITY

CAUCASIAN	660
INDIGENOUS	109
NO RESPONSE	6
OTHER	58
NOT REPORTED	57

# CENTRAL INTAKE

April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019  
MHCHS (OSSI & HPS Funded)

Medicine Hat Community Housing Society Central Intake assesses individuals presenting as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to determine the level of support needed.

## INTAKES

NEW INDIVIDUALS ASSESSED	392
RE-ASSESSMENTS	314
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>706</b>

## DIVERSION



INDIVIDUALS  
ASSISTED WITH  
DIVERSION SUPPORTS

## TRANSITION AND DISCHARGE PLANNING



INDIVIDUALS  
ASSISTED

## HOUSING FIRST PROGRAMS



INDIVIDUALS HOUSED THROUGH  
THE MEDICINE HAT WOMEN'S SHELTER SOCIETY  
*(OSSI Funded)*

## RAPID RE-HOUSING



INDIVIDUALS HOUSED THROUGH  
MHCHS  
*(OSSI Funded)*

## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



INDIVIDUALS HOUSED THROUGH  
CMHA  
*(OSSI Funded)*

## TEAM OUTREACH PROGRAM NOV 2018 – MAR 31, 2019 SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COMMITTEE (SARC) (OSSI FUNDED)

A prevention based program and early intervention strategy used to identify high risk youth and their families through partnerships with educational institutions, law enforcement and children services referrals. Families are connected to early supports to help stabilize their immediate living situation and improve their community connections.



INDIVIDUALS  
SERVED



FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

CMHA (OSSI Funded)



COMMUNITY BASED  
ADDICTIONS CRISIS WORKERS

CMHA (OSSI Funded)

49

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED

MAKING THE SHIFT -  
FAMILY & NATURAL SUPPORTS

MCMAN (Federally Funded)

17

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED

COUNSELING PROGRAM

Miywasin Friendship Centre (HPS Funded)



GRADUATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE (GRAI)

MHCHS (OSSI Funded)

The GRAI program is a monthly subsidy provided to landlords to assist individuals that have graduated from the Housing First Program and require rental support.



\$16,347

MONTHLY AVERAGE  
PROVIDED TO LANDLORDS

YOUTH HUB OUTREACH

MCMAN (OSSI Funded)



INN BETWEEN  
COMMUNITY BED

MCMAN (OSSI Funded)



DROP-IN COFFEE CLUB

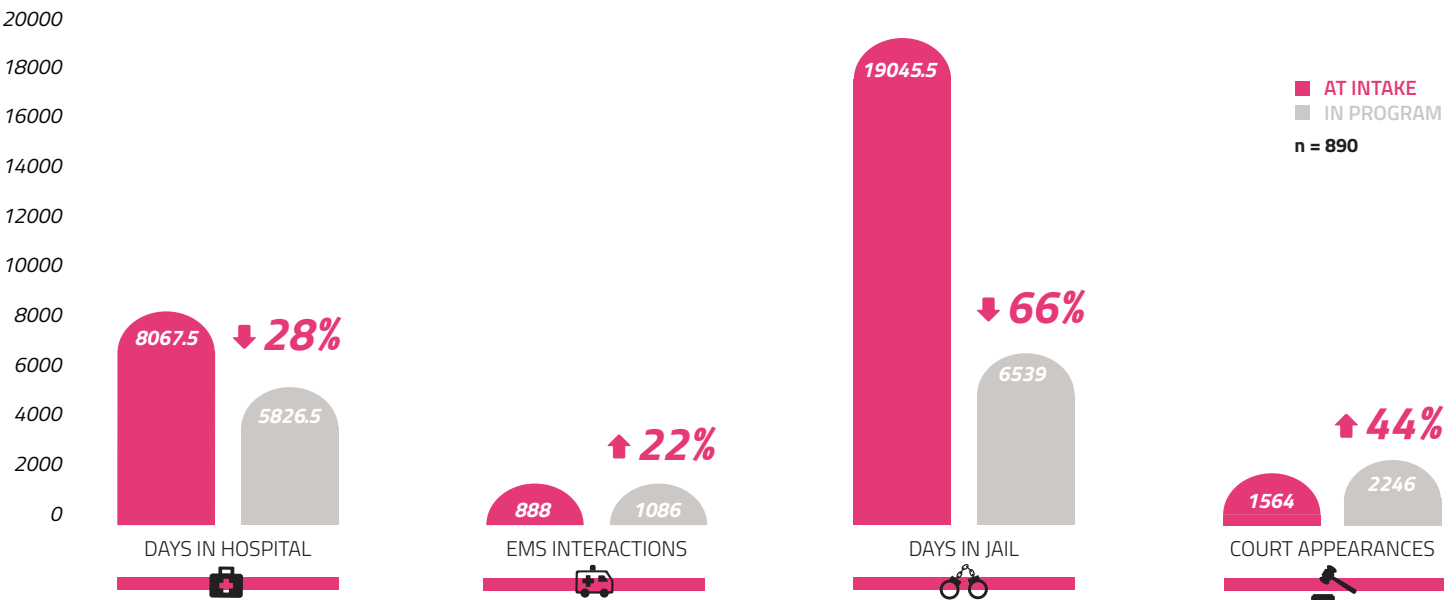
MHFB (OSSI Funded)



# UTILIZATION OF PUBLIC SYSTEMS

## IN HOUSING FIRST

The approximate cost of homelessness on public systems (per individual) is estimated to be between \$66,000 - \$120,000 annually. The cost of providing housing with supports is estimated to be between \$12,000 - \$34,000 annually.



**NOTE:** The data represents 100% of individuals housed through the housing first programs and who have exited the program (successfully & unsuccessfully) and those who remain in the program. Assessments are completed with each individual at 3 month intervals and spans the duration of time they are in program.

## TOTAL COMMUNITY BASED SHELTER USAGE 2009-2019

MCMAN INN BETWEEN  
COMMUNITY BED



MEDICINE HAT WOMEN'S  
SHELTER SOCIETY

ADULTS 166 CHILDREN 133



SALVATION ARMY  
CENTRE OF HOPE



SHELTER UTILIZATION DOWN 45% SINCE 2009



● ● ● The year ahead will see a unified effort to shift the paradigm in how we think about system interactions and services for individuals who are still experiencing homelessness in community. For those not engaging in services, we are exploring alternative options for shelters while critically observing current systems of care. We will see a shift and expansion of service delivery for youth who are experiencing housing instability. The system must be responsive, to the level and degree that it is accountable and responsible, to community and those experiencing homelessness; while respecting the choice of those that we aim to serve. The launch of Hear my Words, the Lived Experience group, the landlord relations position , and the addition of 15 units of PSH are already making their mark on 2019.

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