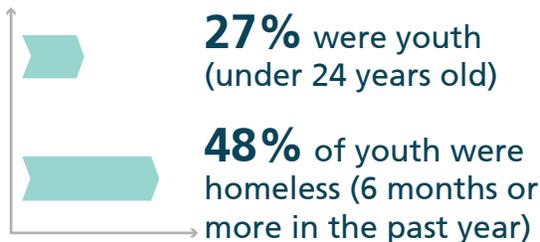


Youth Homelessness Starts Young and Often Persists

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Peterborough's Point in Time (PiT) Count identified 120 Homeless Individuals on March 22, 2016

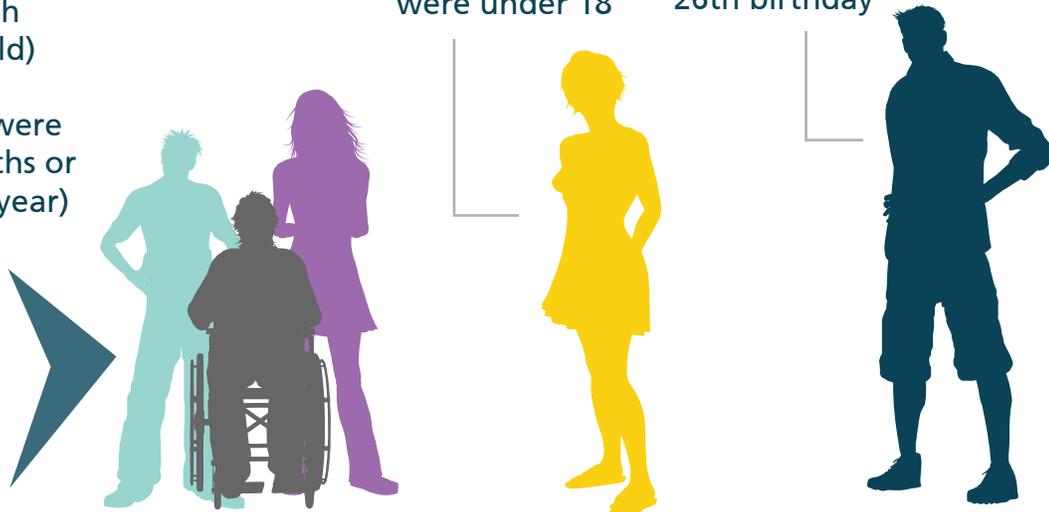
100 Homeless Individuals Agreed to be Surveyed



26% of youth were under 18

64% of all people surveyed had experienced homelessness before their 26th birthday

41% of youth experienced homelessness between age 14-16

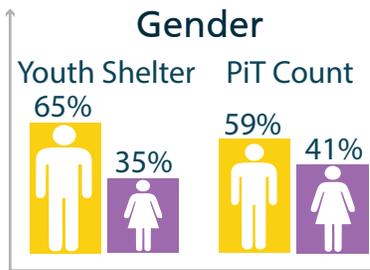


Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board also did a count in March 2016: 32 students were believed to be homeless.

Some Youth Groups Experiencing Homelessness are Over-Represented

26% of youth surveyed in the PiT count identified as "Aboriginal" or having "Aboriginal ancestry".

In Peterborough (in 2011), 3.4% of the population identified as "Aboriginal".



30% of homeless youth in a national study identified as Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Two-spirited, Queer or Questioning. Roughly 10% of the population identify as LGBTQ2S.

Emergency Shelter Use by Peterborough Youth is Increasing

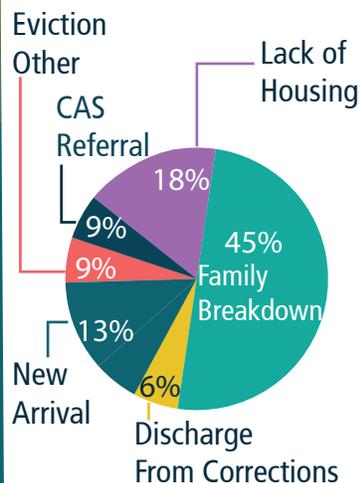
Increased Occupancy by 48% in the past 5 years

Family Breakdown is the most common reason for youth seeking shelter, followed by lack of housing

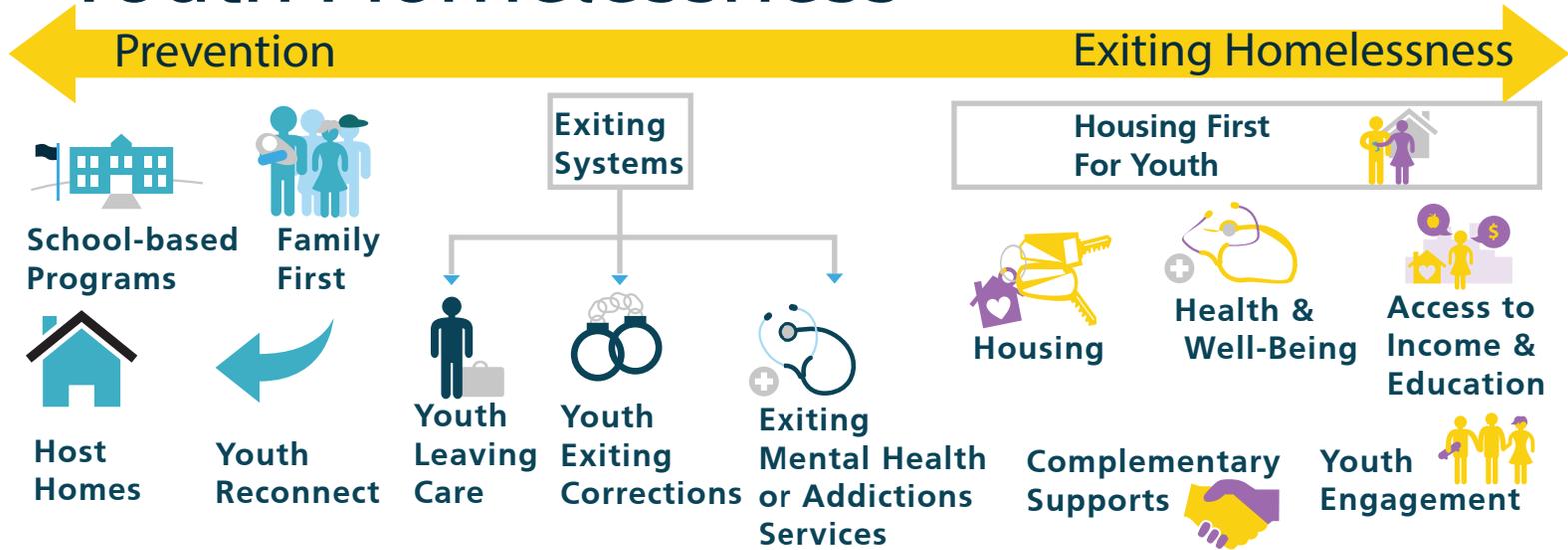
1 in 5 Youth using emergency shelter are under the age of 18

Younger Youth stay longer & more frequently

Reasons For Shelter Use



Together We Can Prevent and Reduce Youth Homelessness



Homeless Youth are Involved with many Services and Systems:

Child Welfare

48% of Youth surveyed in the PiT Count had been in a foster care group home.

Peterborough City & County has a high number of private foster and group homes serving Ontario youth who age in the community and draw on community services.

Justice

24 Youth surveyed in the PiT Count reported interacting with Police 223 times in 2015.

9 youth reported being in prison 23 times in 2015 for a total of 1,137 days.

Health Care

7 of the 8 most frequent users of PRHC's emergency mental health unit are homeless; 2 are youth. These 8 users represent 62% of all mental health visits.

Emergency Health care costs for 10 youth in 2015 are est. between \$110,562 - \$496,542

Youth Cannot Afford Housing in Peterborough

- More Peterborough youth (16-24) receive social assistance than the Provincial average.
- A single person on social assistance has under \$400 for rent.
- The average bachelor apartment costs \$691.
- Wait time for rent-geared-to-income housing is 5-10 years (single/non-senior).
- Rental vacancy is down to 1%. 3% is considered healthy.

Analysis of Intake Tool Indicates Complex Needs

85% of youth in the shelter need help to attain housing; 1/3 need permanent supportive housing.

Youth report more struggles with social relationships, physical/mental health & legal issues than homeless adults.



A Way Home Peterborough

is a local collaboration of service agencies and citizens working to prevent and reduce youth homelessness in Peterborough. We are exploring change to systems and services to ensure that youth (and their families) receive the support they need to be stably housed and move forward in their lives.

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