

Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society



WHAT WE DO



Sunrise House is the Youth Emergency Shelter

- We provide emergency shelter to youth ages 12-17 who find themselves needing a safe place to stay
- We work with families, offering support, resources, and mediation
- We provide a safe and supportive environment, encouraging healthy decision making, and strengthening coping skills
- We provide housing options and skills for a brighter future.



OPEN 24/7

PURPOSE

To provide safe, temporary shelter for distress youth ages 12-17 and support services for youth up to age 24.



WE BELIEVE

- Everyone needs a safe place
- Providing for basic human needs is essential
- Youth should be given the opportunity to succeed in life
- Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect
 - We can make a difference
- We all have the responsibility to the community
 - In celebrating youth

STRENGTHS-BASED ~ EMPOWERMENT FOCUSED ~ HARM REDUCTION

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**Shelter
Program**

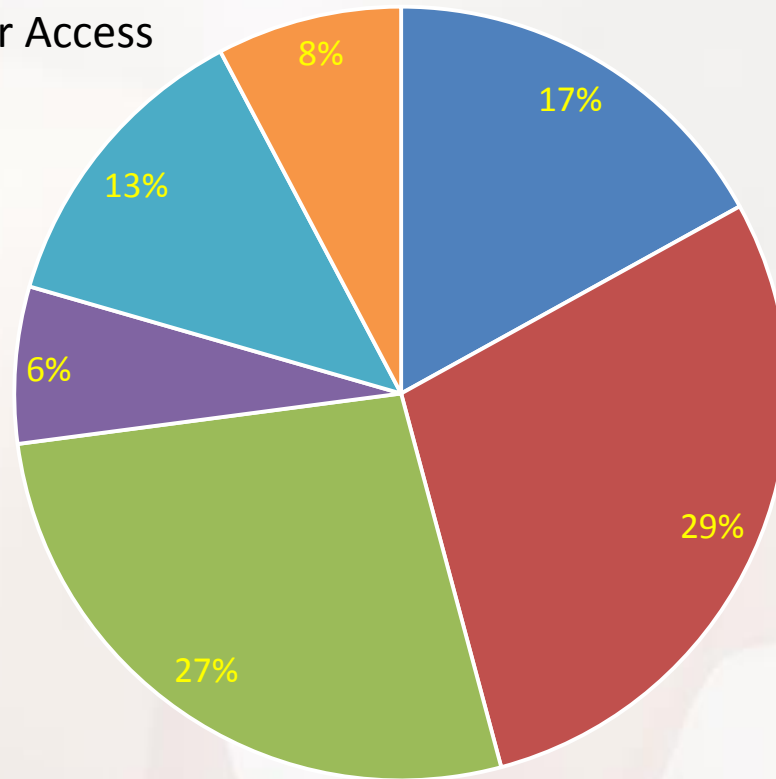
KickstandGP

**Family &
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The Loft

SHELTER PROGRAM

Reason for Access

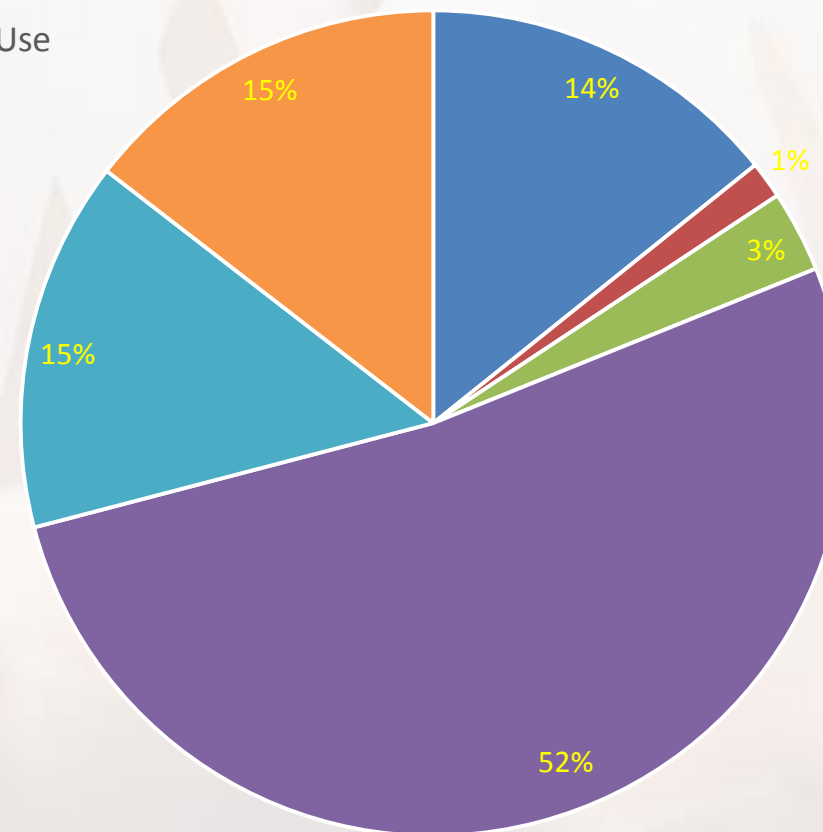


Intakes Completed: 176
Total Bednights: 3,257 (60%)

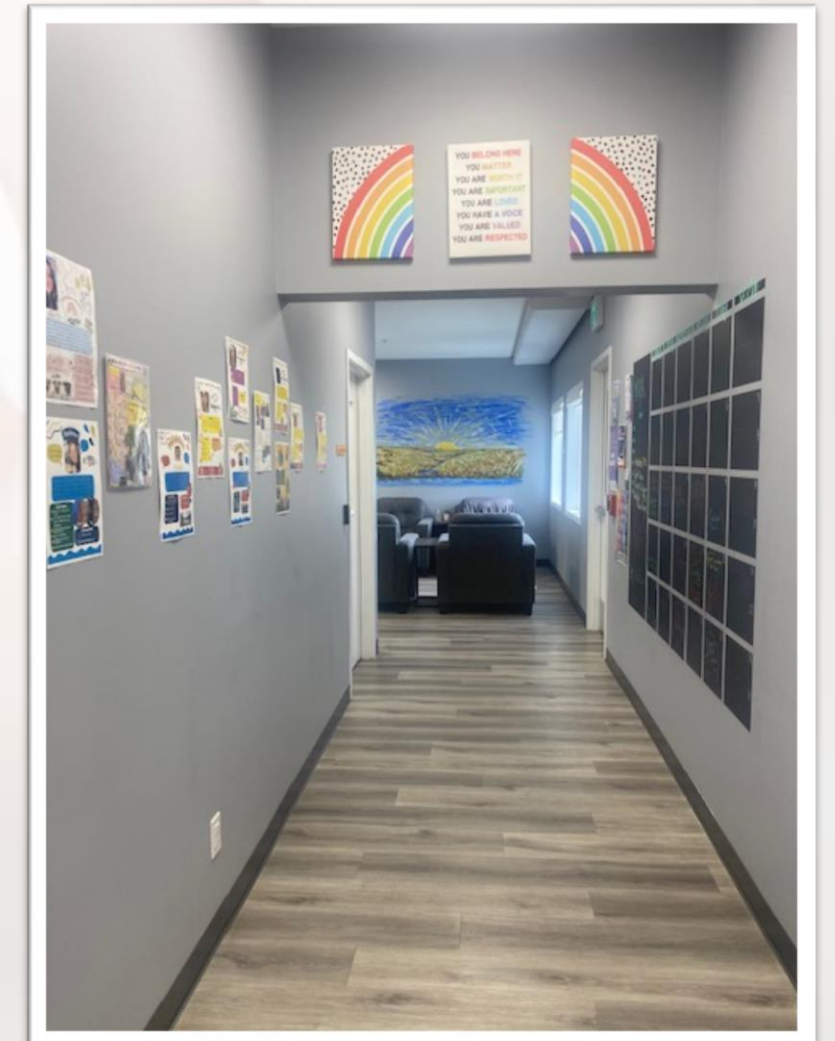
- Family Conflict
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Sexual Exploitation
- Neglect
- Poverty

Age at Intake:
12-15: 81
16-18: 95

Discharge Placement



- Alternate Guardian
- Group Care
- RCMP
- Returned Home
- Treatment
- Unknown





Couch Surfing or No Fixed Address: 17

- City of Grande Prairie
 ■ County of Grande Prairie
 ■ MD Greenview
 ■ MD Spirit River
 ■ MD Fairview
■ Parkland County / Edmonton
 ■ Big Lakes County
 ■ Northern Sunrise County
 ■ Birch Hills County
 ■ MD District of Opportunity
■ MD of Smoky River
 ■ Outside Alberta
 ■ Couch Surfing of No Fixed Address





FAMILY & NATURAL SUPPORTS

Because we believe family and natural supports is the key to ending homelessness.....

While Sunrise House has been providing family supports since 2012, in 2024 we took the next step by moving Family & Natural Supports as a program to a philosophy of our organization. We believe that family & natural supports is the key to ending child & youth homelessness and that this will directly impact adult homelessness.

In September 2024, we officially began this journey by first cross training our entire shelter team in the Family & Natural Supports framework. From there, the forming of our Champions Table - a combination of staff from all programs to build out the structure we will follow to ensure this important work starts the moment we receive a call for intake.



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**Youth
supported**

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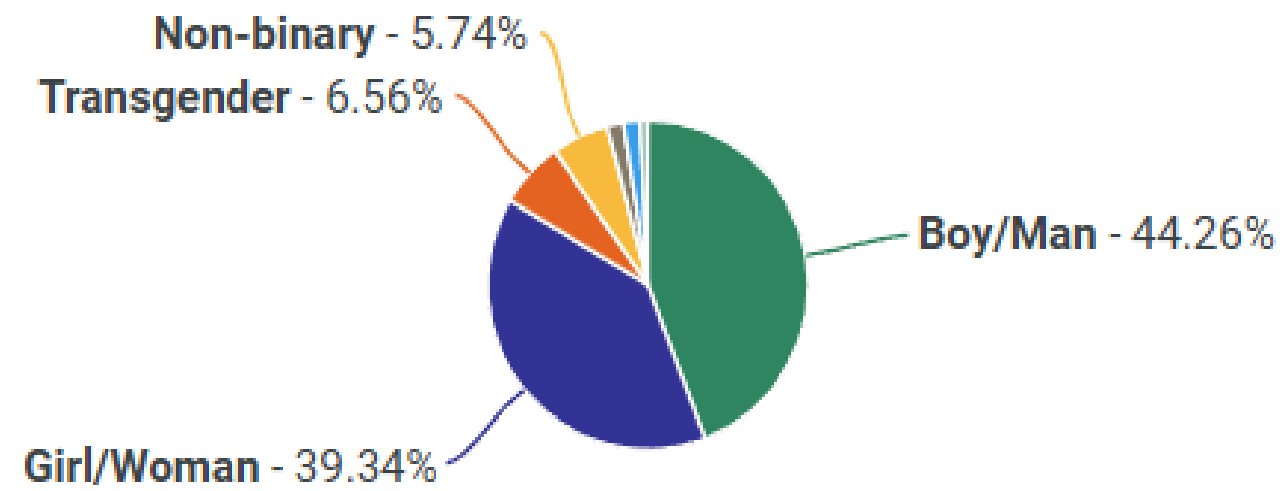
Families

90%

**Reported
improved family
connection**

Family & Natural Supports 2024

What is your gender?



KICKSTAND GP

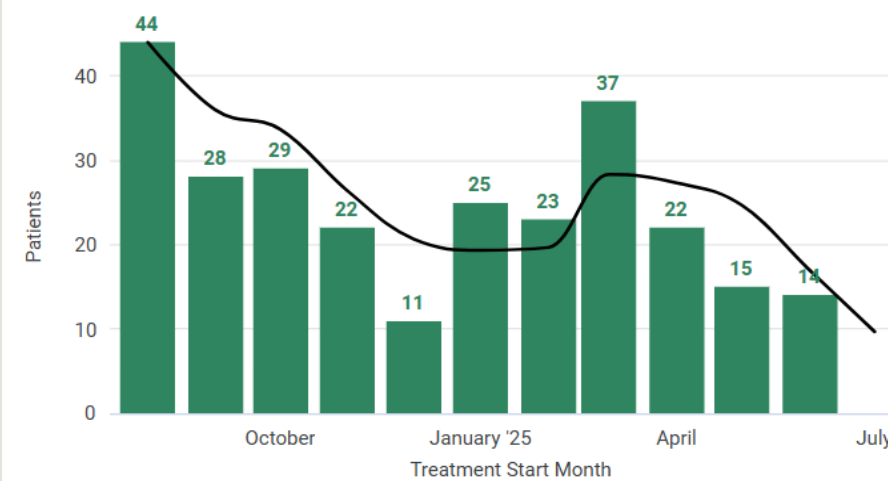
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Total Patients ⓘ

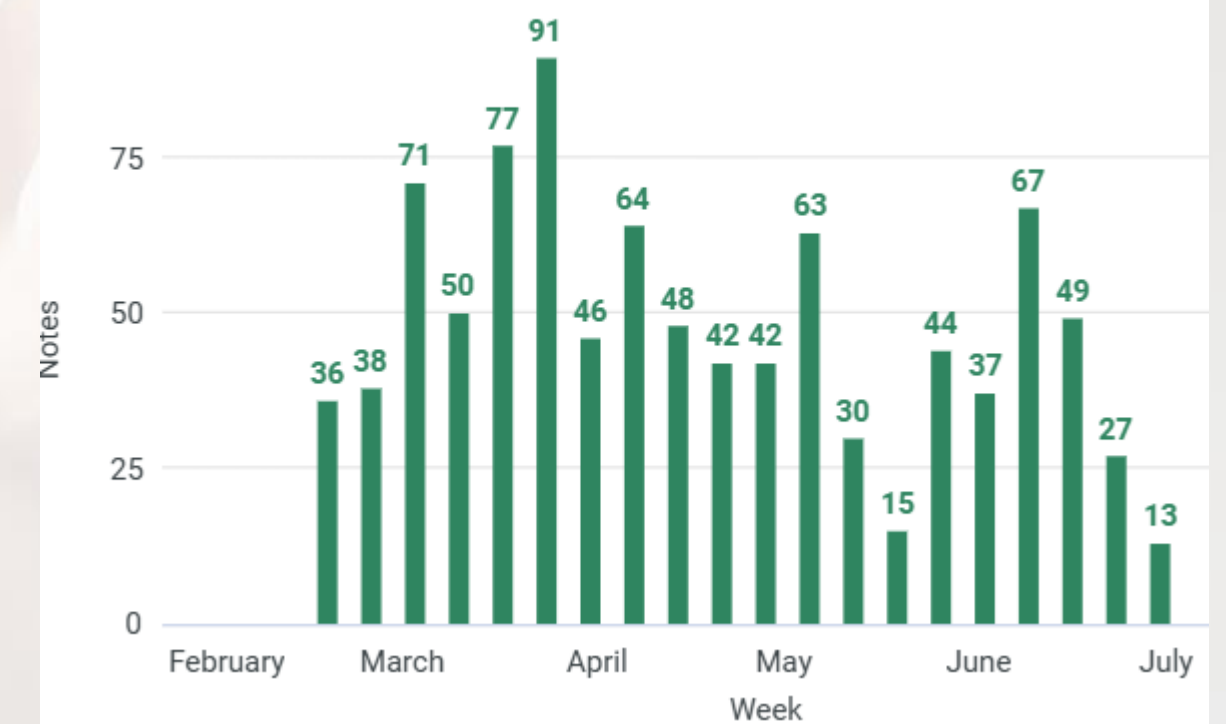
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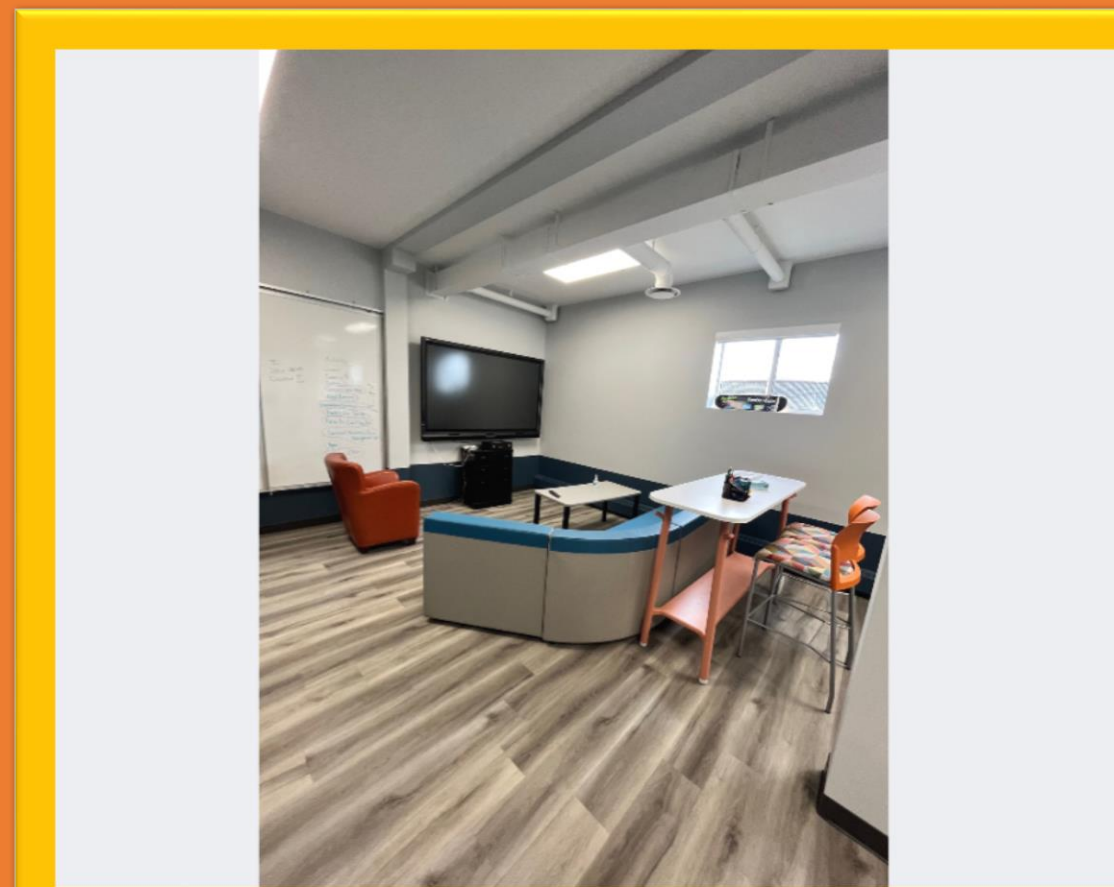
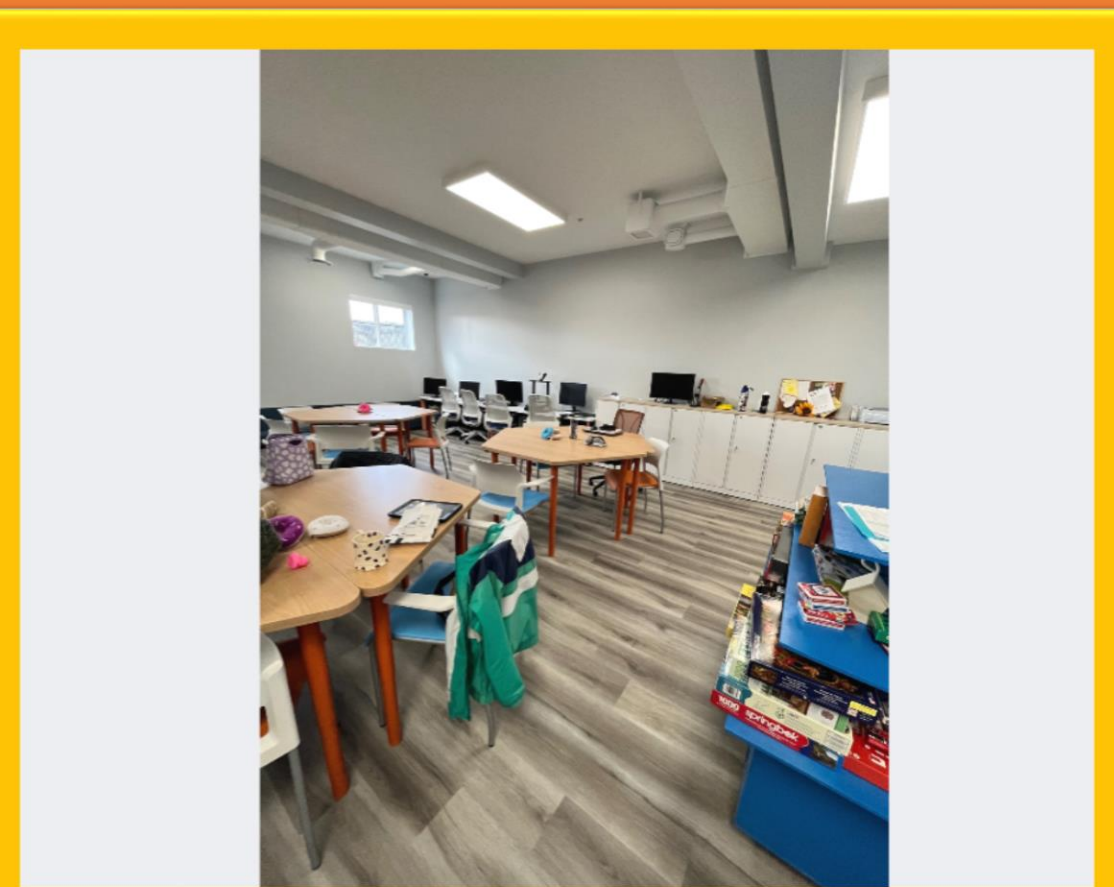
New Patients (Last 30 Days) ⓘ

New Patients by Month ⓘ

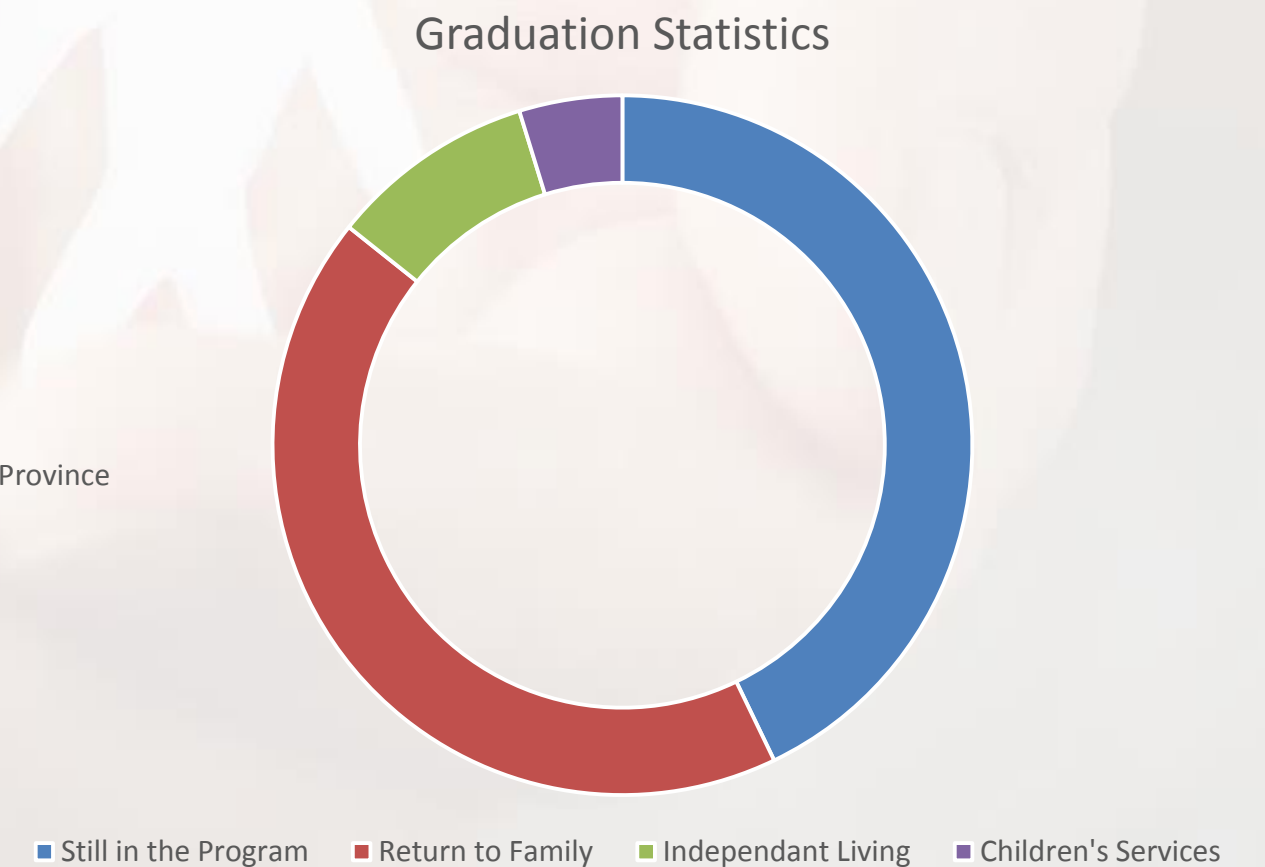
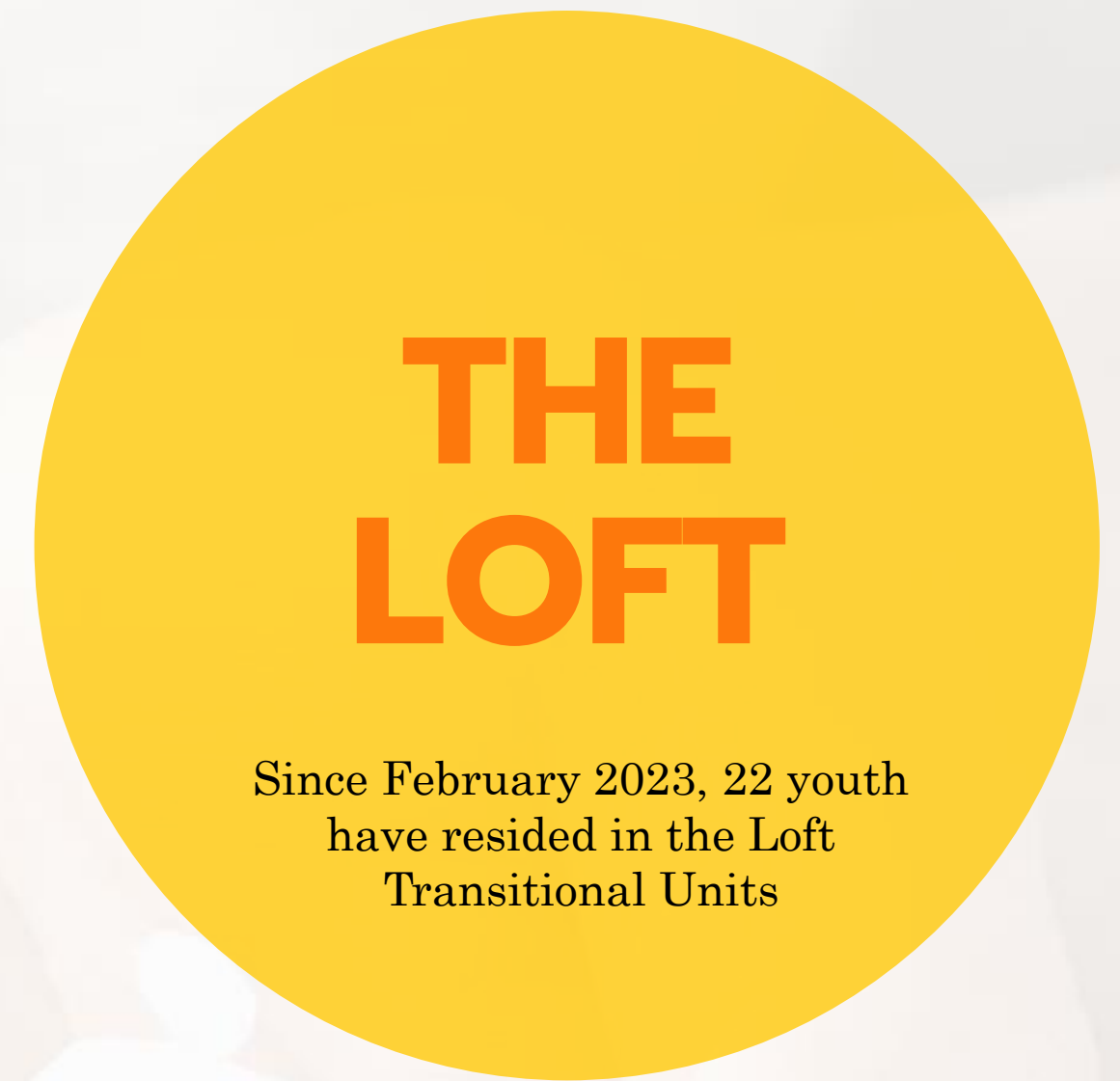
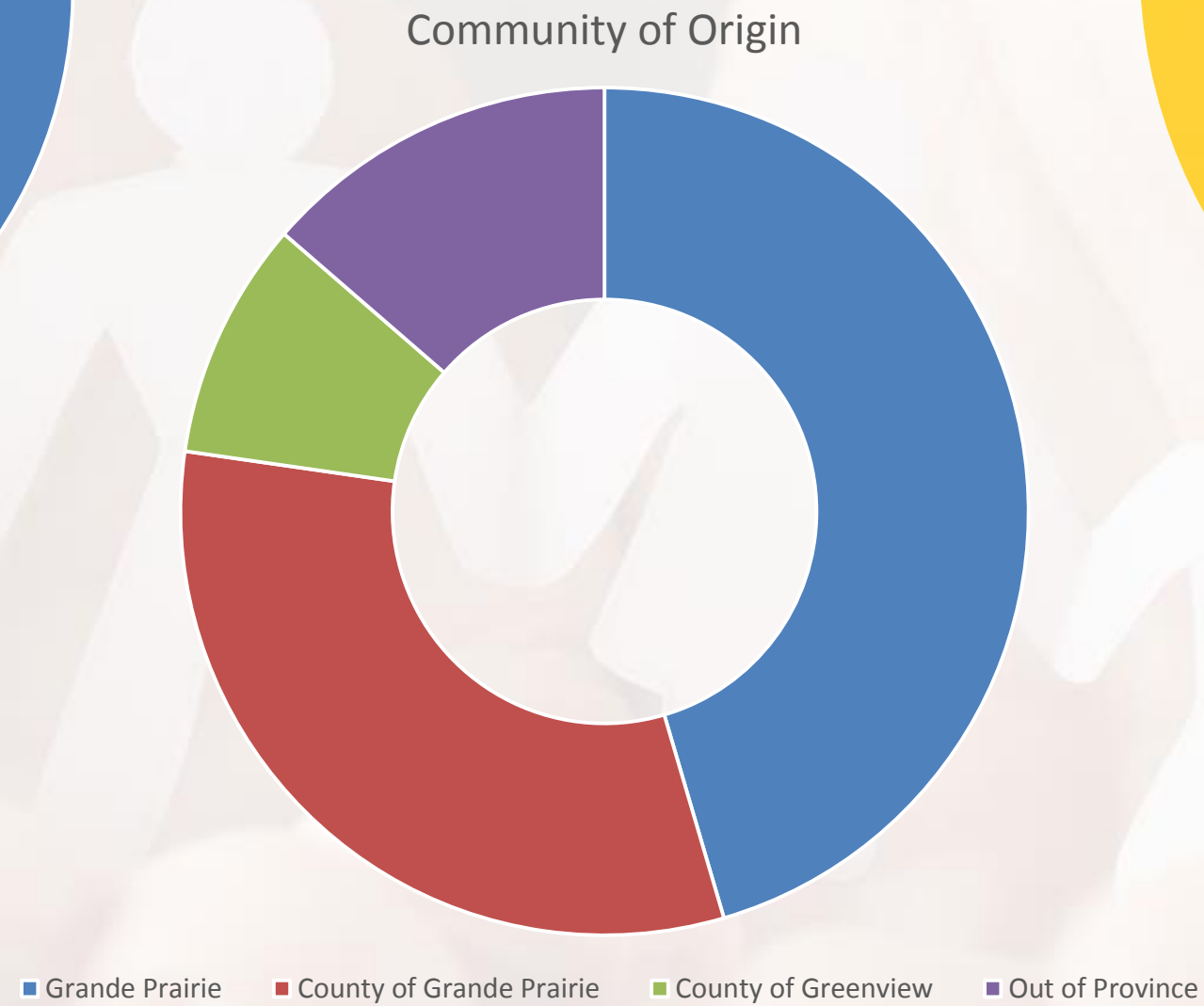
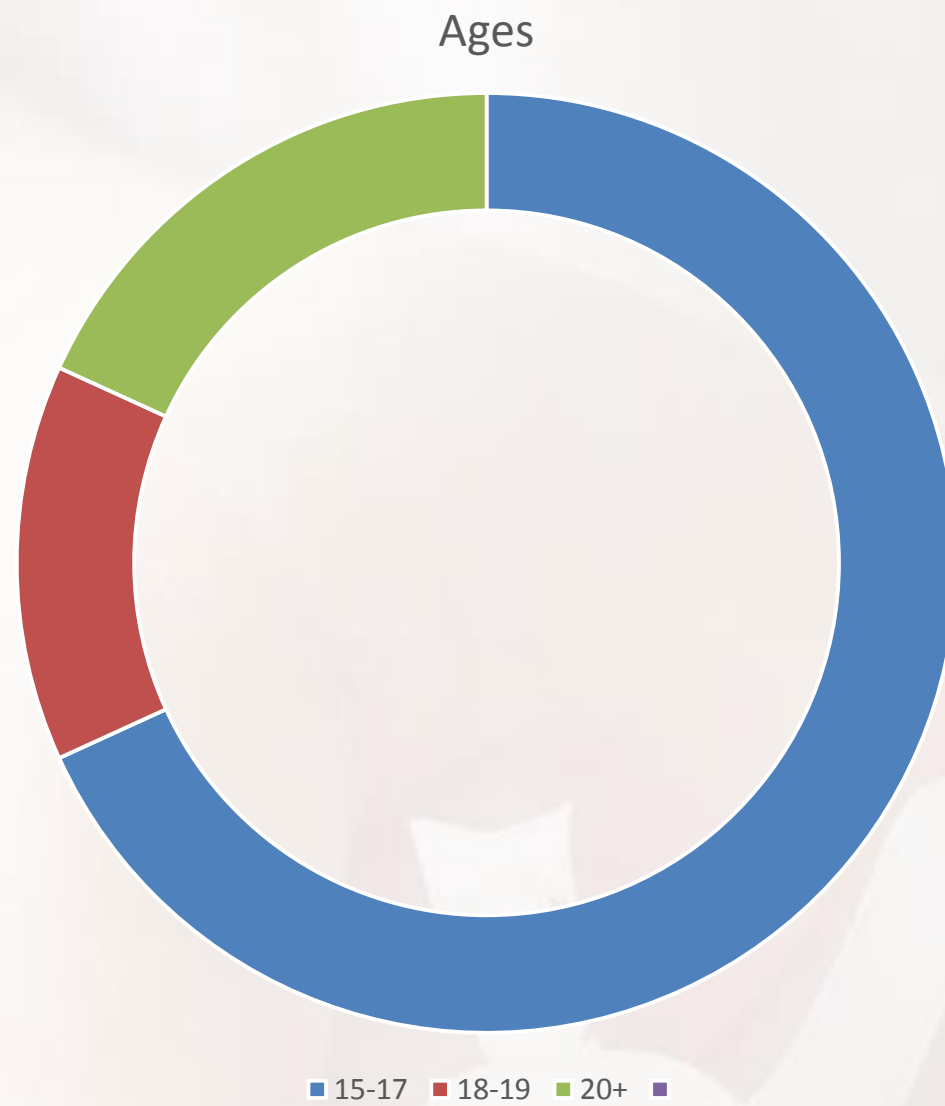


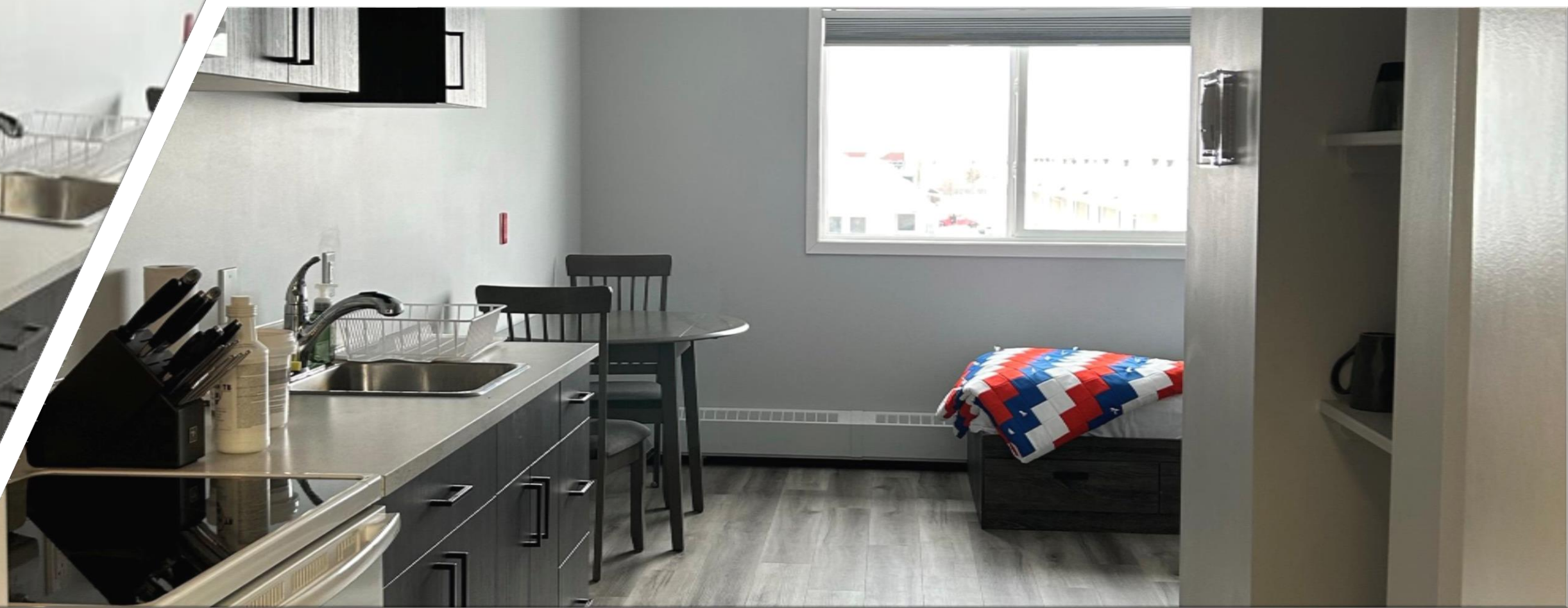
Notes by Week ⓘ





THE LOFT HOUSING FIRST FOR YOUTH





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How it all comes together

"By failing to implement more effective strategies to address youth homelessness, we are undermining the human rights of these youth. If we really want better outcomes for young people, we must do better."

**40.1% of youth
were younger
than 16 when they
first experienced
homelessness**

- WITHOUT A HOME: THE NATIONAL YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SURVEY, 2019