



I am... homeless
not nameless

Welcome to Chatham-Kent

- The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a single tier urban-rural municipality in Southwestern Ontario with a population of approximately 101,000 residents.
- Chatham-Kent (CK) encompasses 23 former communities in a 2500 square km area - making it the second largest municipality in Ontario by geographic area.



Homelessness in Chatham-Kent



respondents out of 258 survey participants were experiencing homelessness during Registry Week

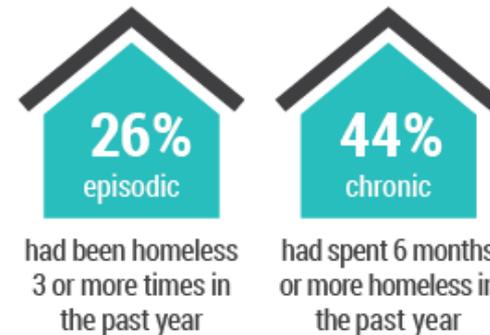
Who is homeless in CK?



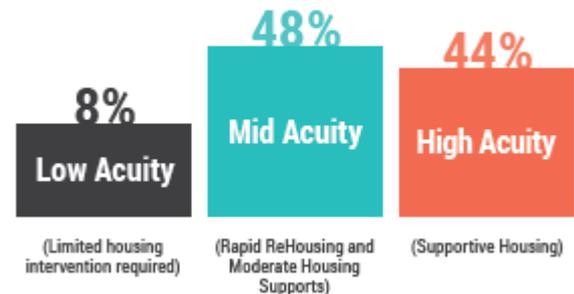
Top 3 reasons for homelessness in CK



Housing status of respondents

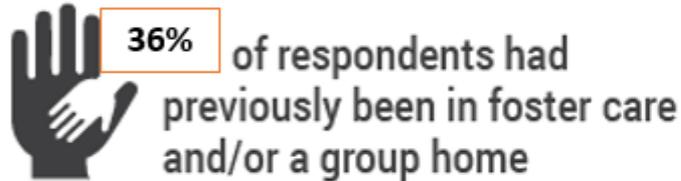


Level of identified service need

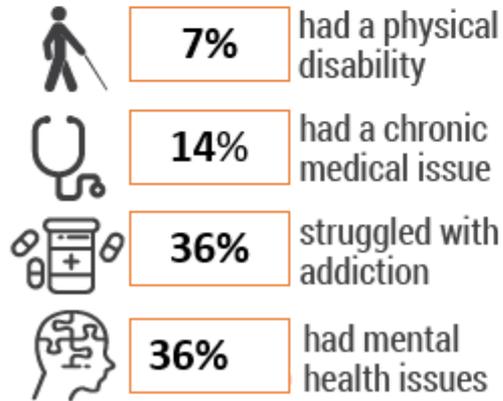


Youth Homelessness in CK

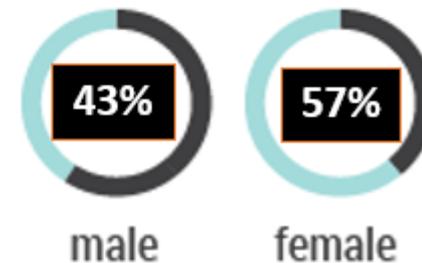
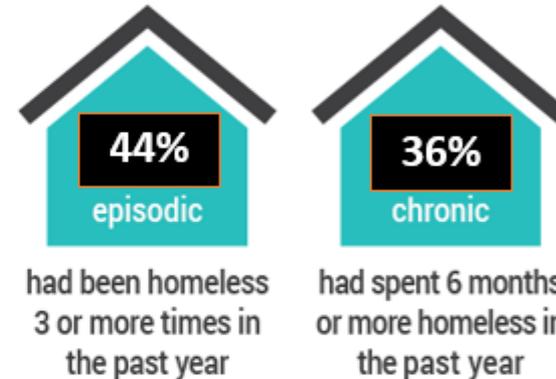
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Health issues of respondents



57% of youth say they couch surf or stay with friends = "hidden homelessness"



Home for Good ➔ Home 4 Youth

HOMES4YOUTH

The (H4Y) program provides 48 youth (aged 16 to 25) with a permanent home in the community of their choice, and the supports needed to maintain housing and become self-sufficient.

The focus is on the following priority populations:

- Chronically homelessness youth
- Indigenous homeless youth
- Youth transitioning from provincially funded institutions such as correctional facilities and child protection agencies.
- Youth with addiction and/or mental health concerns.



Partnerships Create Opportunity: H4Y Plan Basics

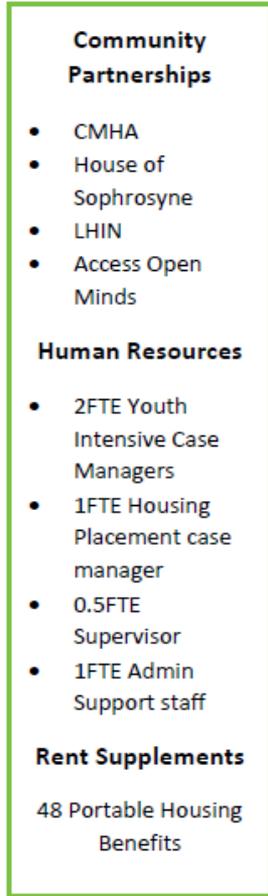


A Little Investment Goes A long Way

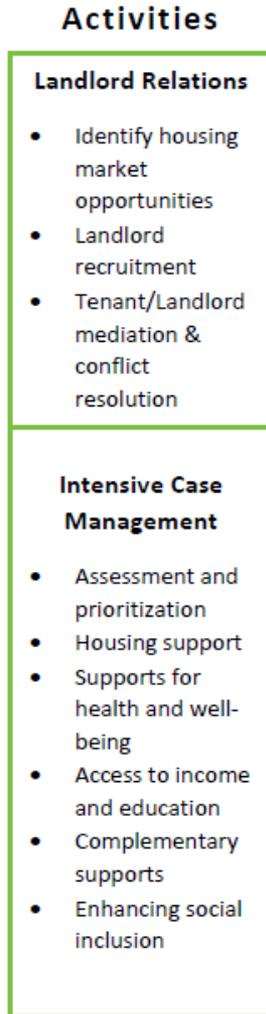
Home 4 Youth Budget Breakdown	Year 1 Sept-Mar (2017-18)	Year2 Apr-Mar (2018-19)	Year 3 Apr-Mar (2019-20)	Combined Total
Support Services (support staff costs, support services and programming)	\$279,053	\$488,440	\$488,400	\$1,255,893
Rent Supplement/Housing Allowances (estimated Rent Subsidy average of \$364.00/month; last month's rent; damages to units) Year one - 26 units (22 ESS; 4 CMHA) Year two – 48 units (35 ESS; 8 CMHA ; 5 House of Sophrosyne) Year three –48 units (35 ESS; 8 CMHA ; 5 House of Sophrosyne)	\$53,130	\$218,364	\$218,364	489,858
TOTAL COST	\$332,183	\$706,804	\$706,804	1,745,791
Provincial Subsidy – HFG funding	\$307,463	\$657,364	\$657,364	1,622,191
Provincial Subsidy – CHPI funding	\$24,720	\$49,440	\$49,440	123,600

Home 4 Youth Logic Model

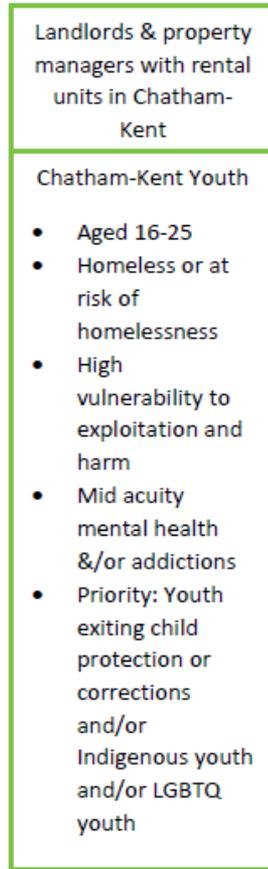
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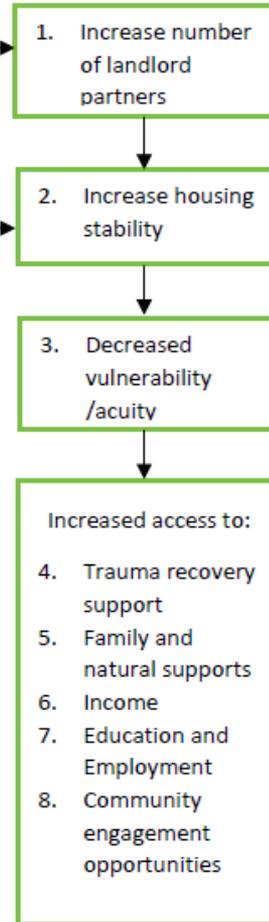
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Reach

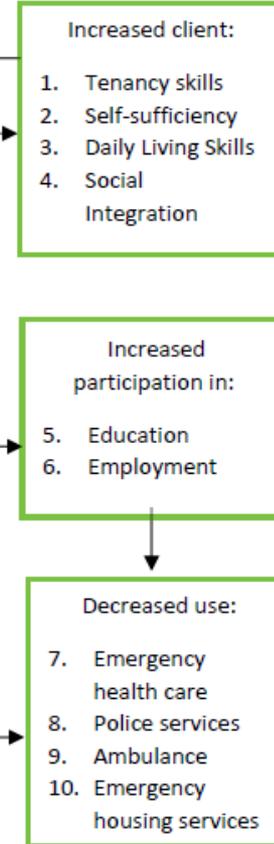


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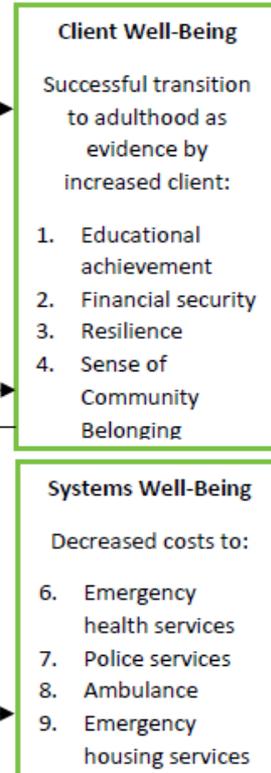


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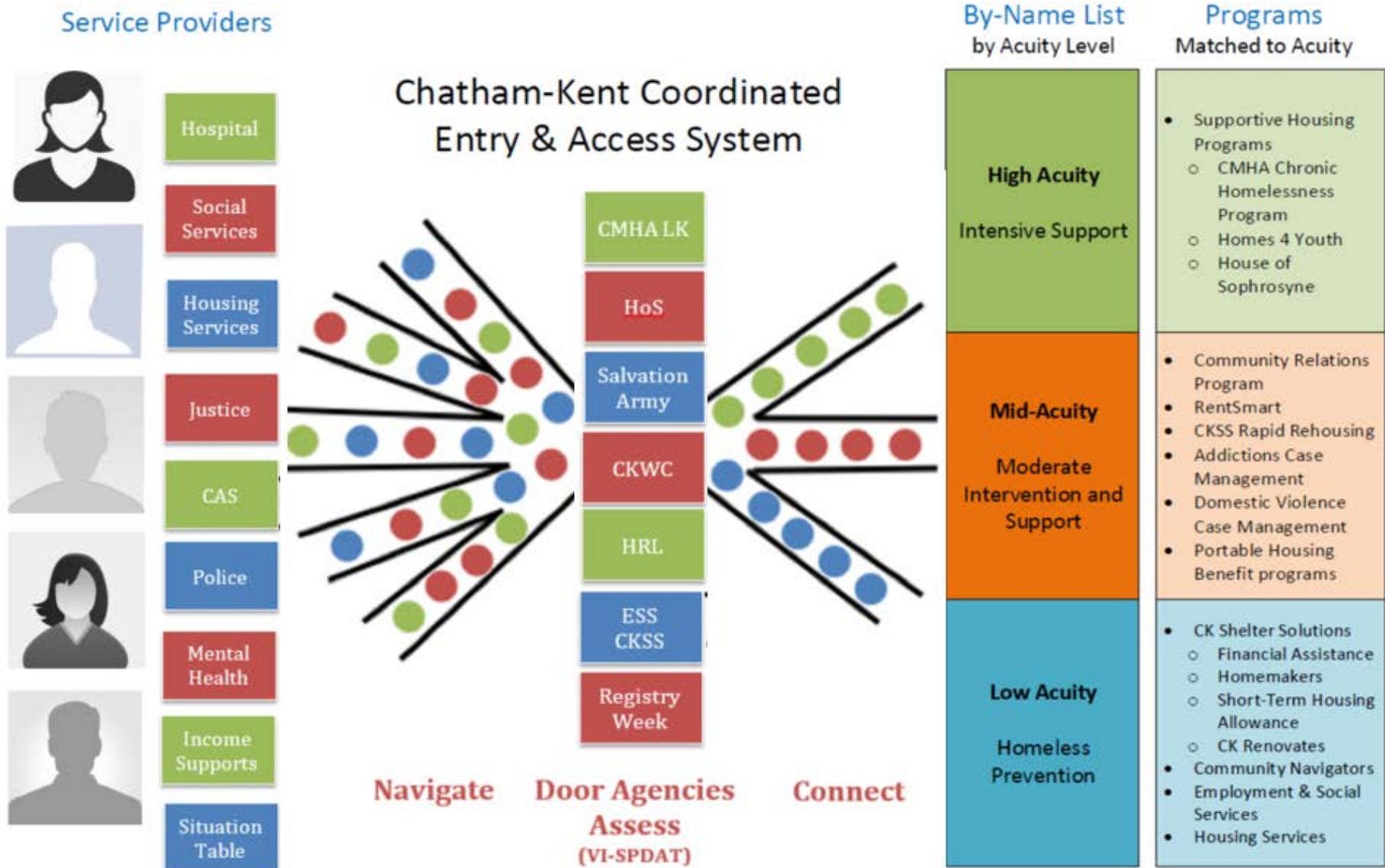
Behaviour



Well-Being



CK Coordinated Access System and H4Y



Housing Placement Case Manager

- Recruits prospected landlords
- Maintains regular contact with participating landlords
- Unit Inspections
- Supports Landlord with landlord/tenant issues
- RentSmart Trainer



Housing First ICM Position & Education

- Caseload of 16-17 Chronically homeless youth
- Weekly Home Visits
- Works extensively with community partners
- Supports youth in landlord/tenant issues
- Adheres to Housing First principles

Specialized Programs and Creative Engagement

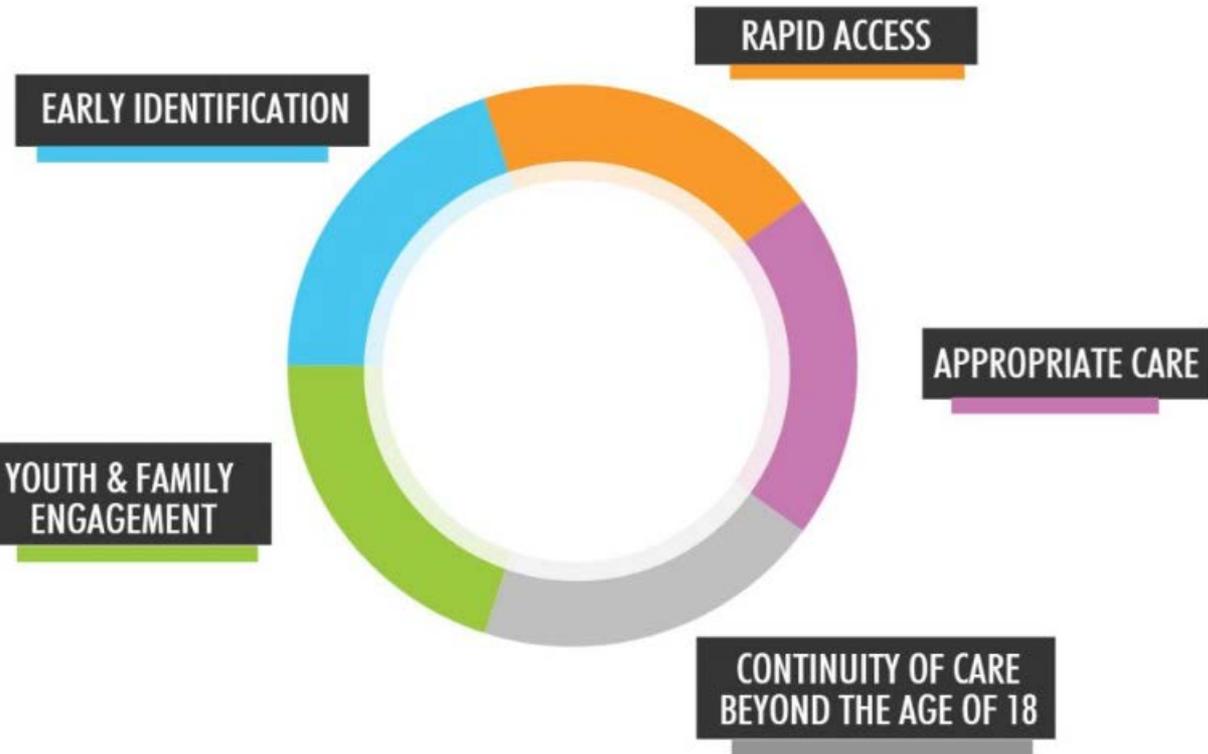


- Move-in baskets
- RentSmart
- Cooking classes
- Movie night & social activities
- Photography classes
- Furniture referrals
- Gift cards to meet in the community
- H4Y Specific employment program

H4Y Best Practices: Partnerships



Best Practices: Access Open Minds



H4Y Key Program Outcomes



- Improved access to housing assistance



- Increased housing stability



- Improved access to other supports to meet individual goals

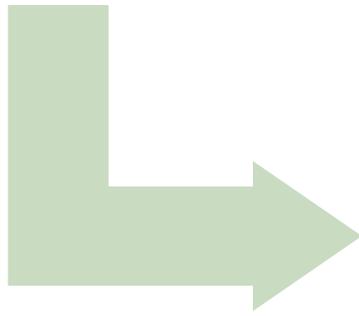


- Increased sense of inclusion and community connection

Outcome: Improved Access to Housing

43
Days

- Average time from homeless to housed long-term



66%

- of Landlords would not rent to youth without program

Outcome: Increased Housing Stability

High Acuity

Supportive Housing

These individuals need permanent supportive housing services to end their homelessness for good

Mid Acuity

Rapid ReHousing & Moderate Supports

These individuals need short-term assistance to retain or stay housed and avoid homelessness

Low Acuity

Limited Intervention Required

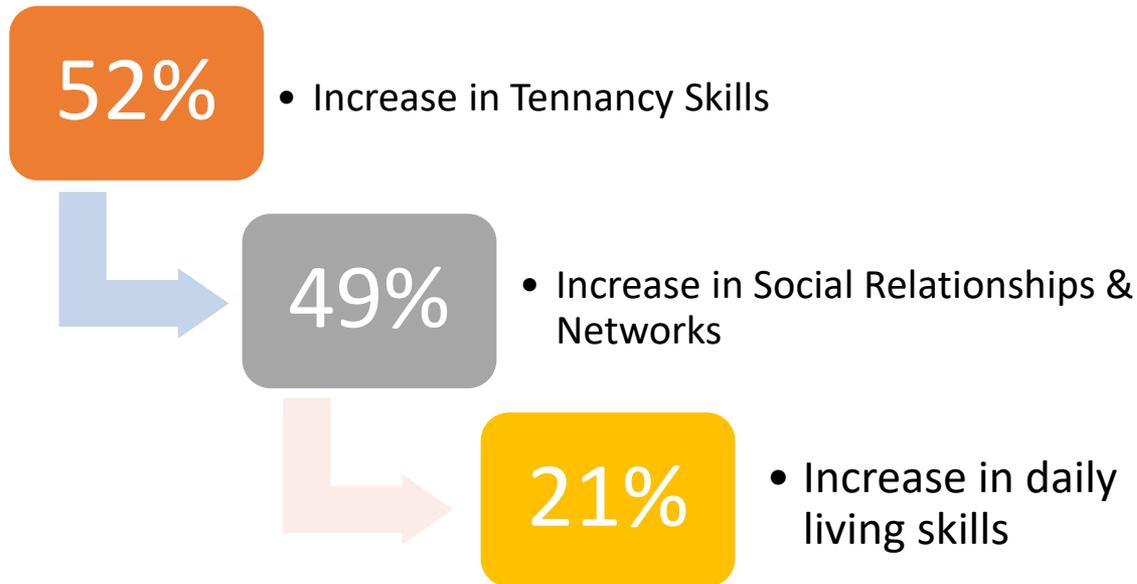
These individuals are likely to be able to end their homelessness without services



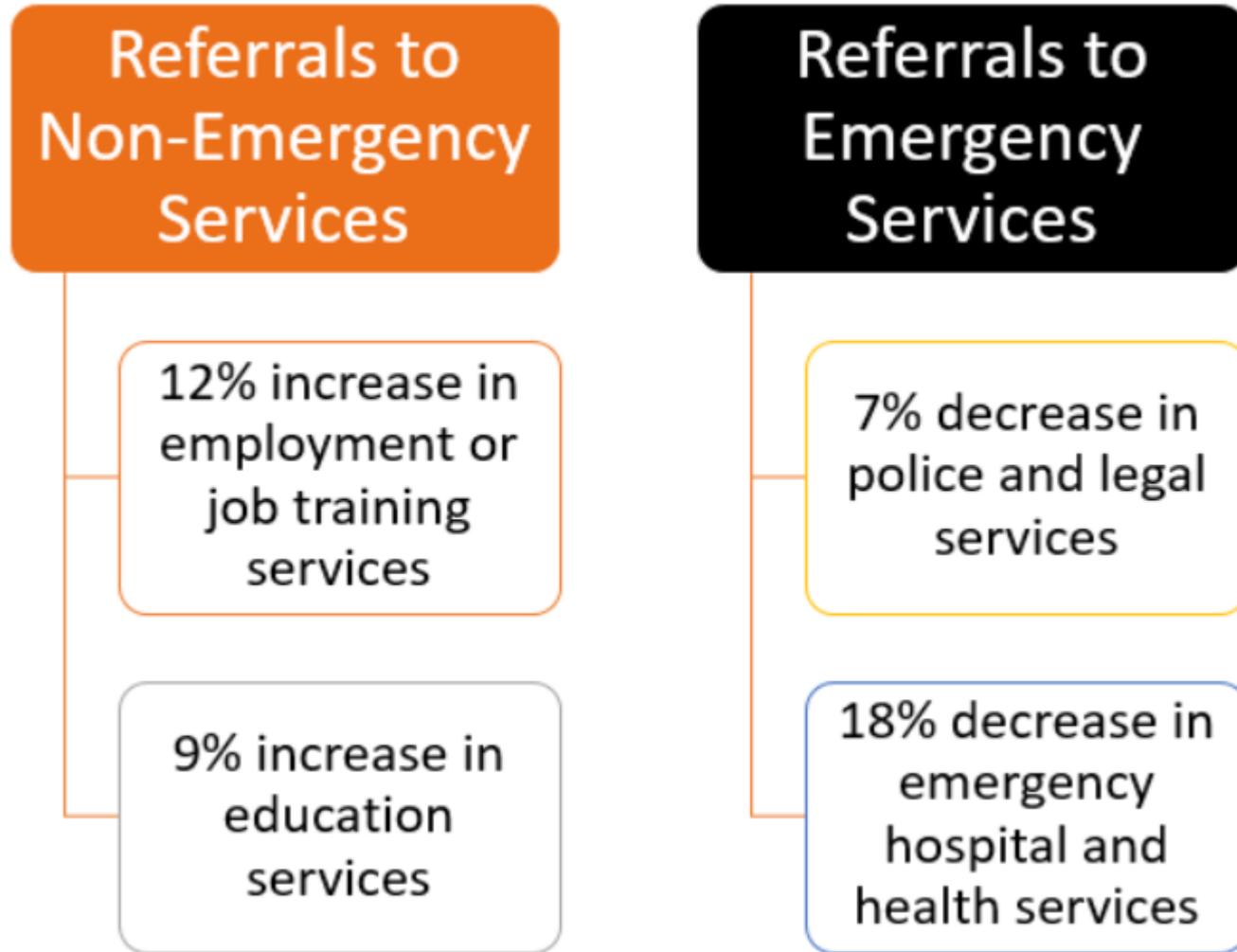
41% decrease in the number youth who are high acuity after 9 months of support.

Outcome: Increased Housing Stability

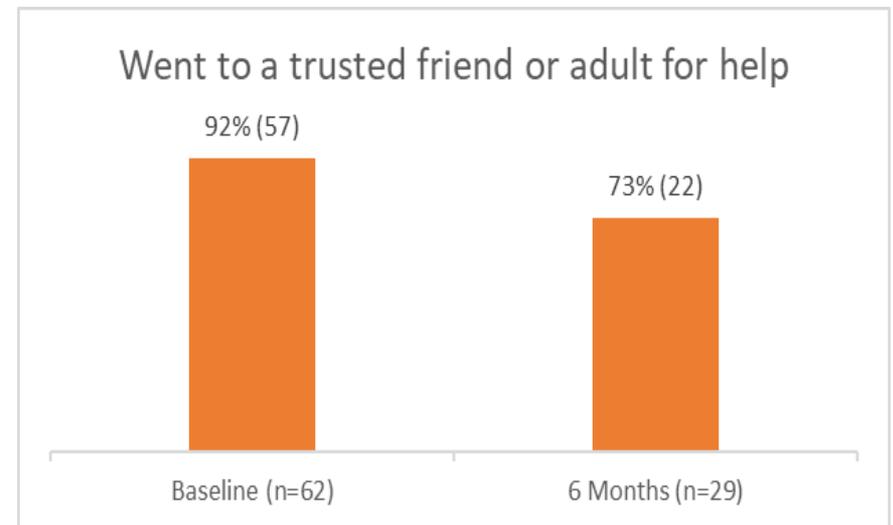
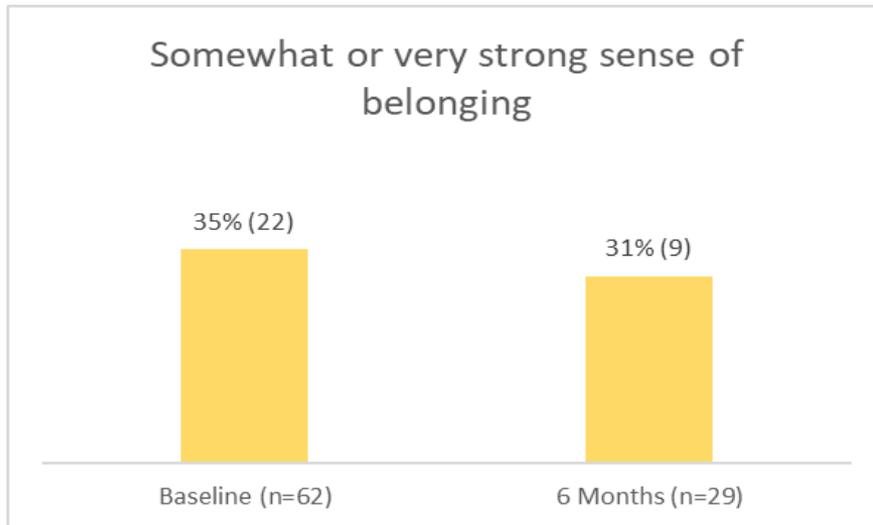
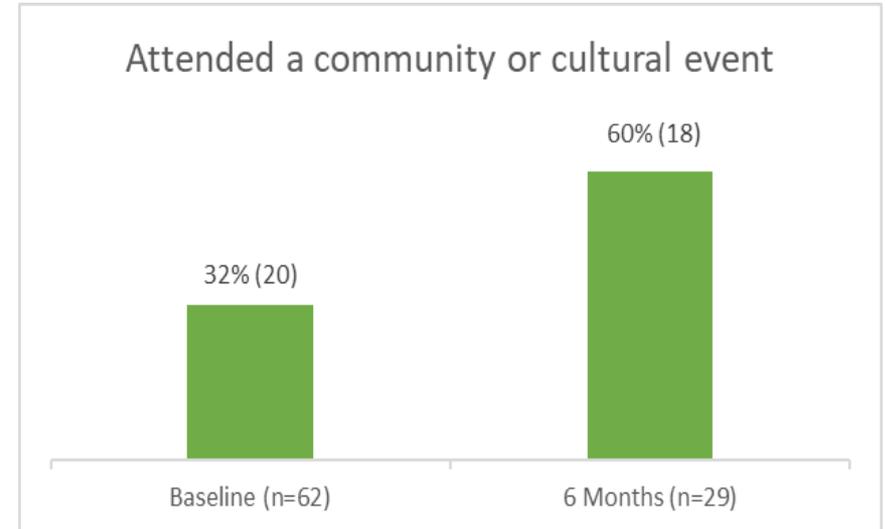
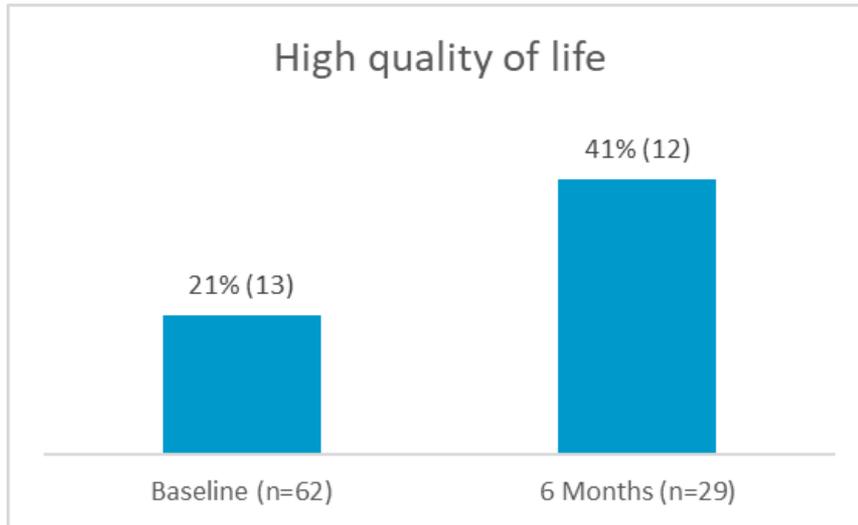
As reported through SPDAT Assessment at Baseline through to 9 months



Outcome: Improved Access to Other Supports



Outcome: Increased Inclusion & Community Connection



Key Lessons Learned



- Leveraging partnerships and resources can have major program impact and be cost effective
- The inability to share information impedes progress: you need to overcome information and data sharing hurdles
- Shared policy and program evaluation frameworks are a win for everyone: everyone speaks the same language; programming is consistent; evaluation and outcomes have greater impact
- Never underestimate the power of housing: immediate housing works best
- Creative and flexible programming is key to sustaining youth engagement

Questions?



“The only lasting solution to homelessness is permanent housing. Far too often, however, we attempt to treat the symptoms of homelessness instead of its root cause.”
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