

# TYPES OF HOUSING MODELS / PROGRAMS

**HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE** in fulfilling homeless youths' daily needs, however, they are not always equipped to deal with the wide-ranging needs of LGBTQ2S youth, which have become more complex and diverse since the first shelters were established in Toronto over thirty years ago.

## EMERGENCY SHELTERS

- People experiencing homelessness or in emergency or crisis situation
- Access point to other support services and programs
- Maximum 90 day stay



## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- Intermediate step between emergency crisis shelter and permanent housing
- Long-term, service intensive, help address issues that led to homelessness
- Rebuild support networks
- 3-month to 3-year stay



## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

- Combines rental/housing assistance with support services for people with high needs (physical, mental health, developmental disabilities or substance use)
- Possible option for chronically homeless with high acuity



## HOUSING FIRST

- Recovery-oriented approach that centers on quickly moving people into independent / permanent housing, *then* providing support and services
- People are more likely to move forward if they are housed first



## RAPID RE-HOUSING

- Quickly re-housing individuals or families who experience episodic or transitional homelessness
- Site or communal housing, often includes rent supplements and community support services



## HOST HOMES

- Respite accommodation
- Alternative to emergency shelters for young people under 18
- Small facilities or households that have a spare room with hosts that are paid or volunteers



Population-based programs and housing options are meant to provide safe, secure and affirming spaces for LGBTQ2S youth. Currently, there are a few specialized LGBTQ2S housing programs, but no specialized LGBTQ2S emergency shelters in Canada. Fortunately, this is slowly beginning to change.

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