

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 few specialized LGBTQ2S housing programs and no specialized LGBTQ2S emergency shelters in Canada, however, this is slowly beginning to change.

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