

Mkaana'aa wii-giwe'aad

“Finding Their Way Home”



Ontario
Aboriginal
Housing Services

Who We Support

**Chronically
Homeless
and/or
Imminent Risk
of
Homelessness**

Who We Support

Youth

**Elders/
Knowledge
Keepers**

**Leaving
Provincial
Institution**

Indigenous Approach Within Supportive Housing

- Life Skills Support and Development
- Prevention Support
- Advocacy Support
- Accommodation Support

Supporting Indigenous individuals to determine their own future without judgement!

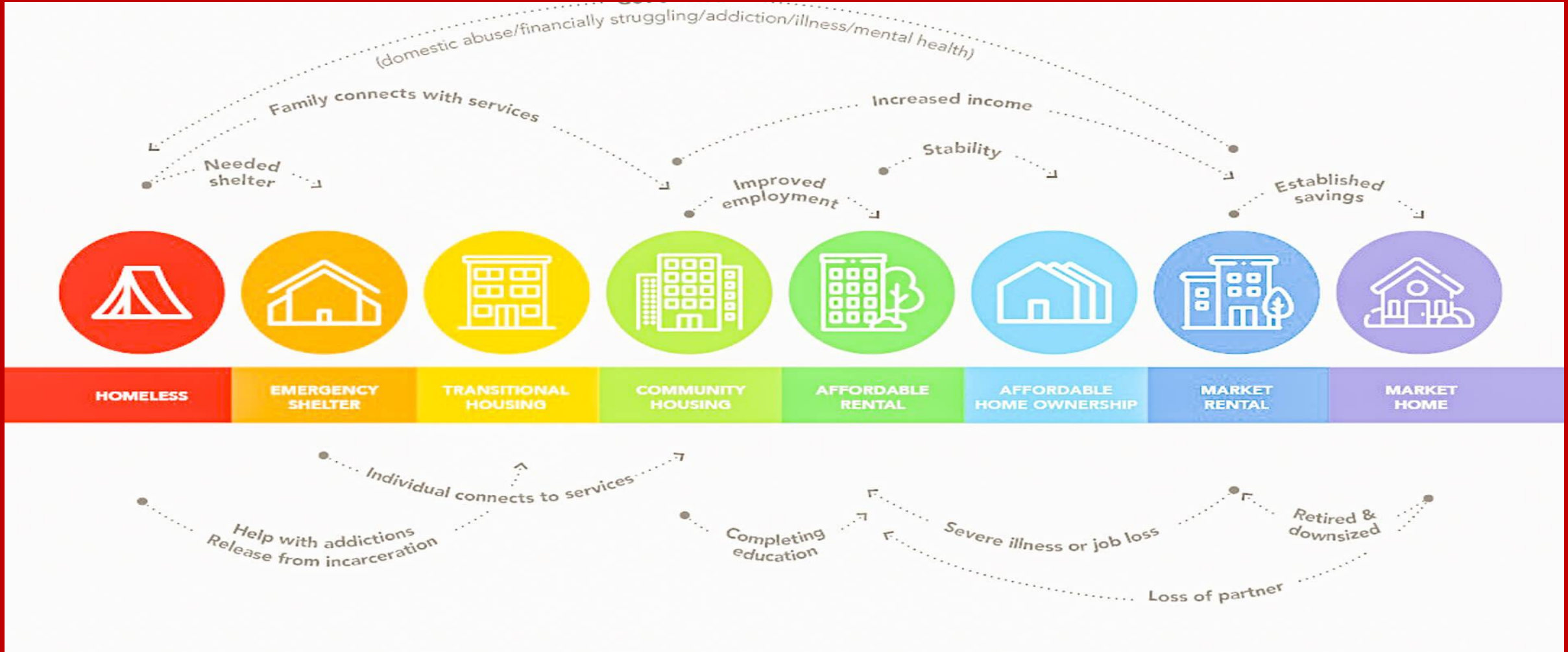
The Mkaana'aa wii-giwe'aad Program

- Attaining and Maintaining Housing
- Moving forward along the housing continuum
- Promoting Engagement
- Social Inclusion

Indigenous Approach Within Supportive Housing

- Story Telling
- Role Modeling
- Creating Safe Space for Sharing
- Opportunities for Social Inclusion

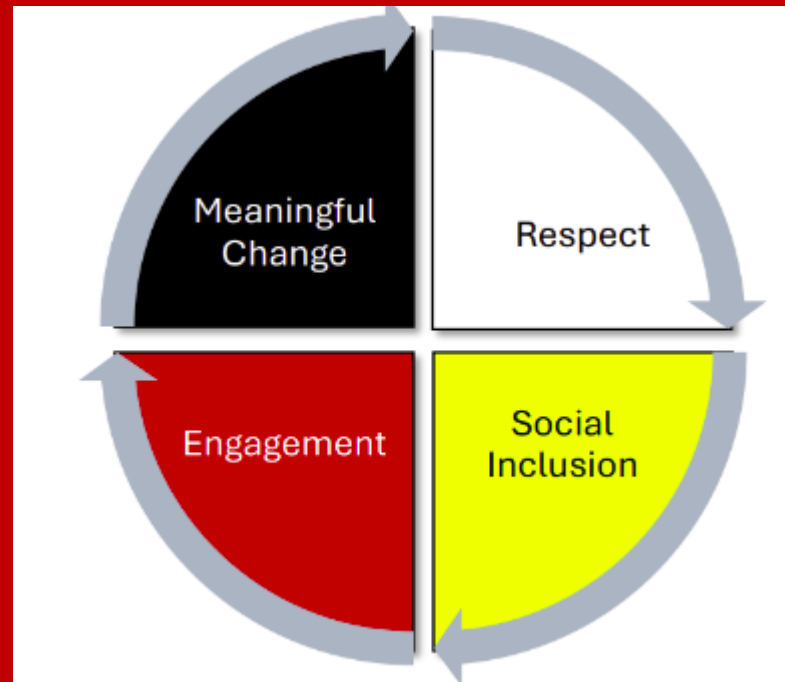
Housing Continuum



The Journey

- Prevention: Providing the supportive services required to maintain housing and prevent homelessness is paramount.
- Advocacy: Advocate on program participants behalf to the right systems at the right time in order to assist individuals to move forward on the housing continuum.
- Accommodation: Assist with accommodation based on the individual's needs.

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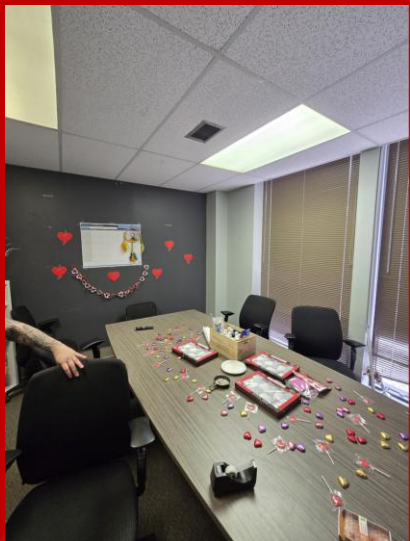


Promoting Social Inclusion by:

- Fostering good spirit: Being open, welcoming, and inclusive of individuals.
- “Nothing about us, without us” philosophy; ensuring that the participant is the center point and drives all decision making.
- Attending with program participants to referrals and meetings.
- Providing programming opportunities to build community.

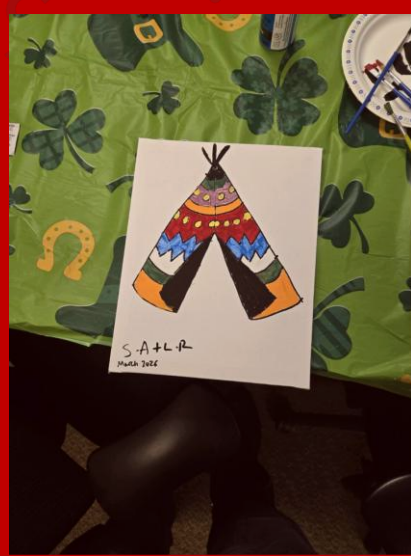
How the Mkaana Program Promotes Engagement:

- Offering smudge, going to the water to offer tobacco, connecting with local IFC
- Home Visits- Spending time getting to know the individual
- Advocacy for housing and service opportunities
- Connection to cultural services such as an Elder/Knowledge Keeper
- Consistent communication attempts- phone calls, notes on doors, text messages
- Reminders of appointments-providing tools such as calendars
- Regular contact with individuals which promotes routine, trust and confidence
- Providing incentives- a food box, a coffee, rewards, basic needs
- Being creative and flexible
- Participating in at home activities such as cooking, smudging, or beading



Programming

Housing





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Mkaana'aa wii-giwe'aad Locations

Sault Ste Marie

499 Queen
Street East

Sudbury

54 Elgin Street

Timmins

77 Maple Street
South

Housing Journey-Real Life Experiences

Meet The Team

Homelessness

Emergency Shelter

Transitional Housing

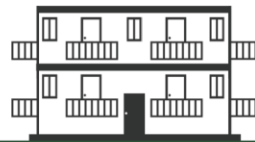
Social Housing

Affordable Rental Housing

Affordable Home Ownership

Market Rate Rental Housing

Market Rate Home Ownership



HOUSING CONTINUUM

Staff Stories

Questions



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Any Questions or to Send a Referral



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