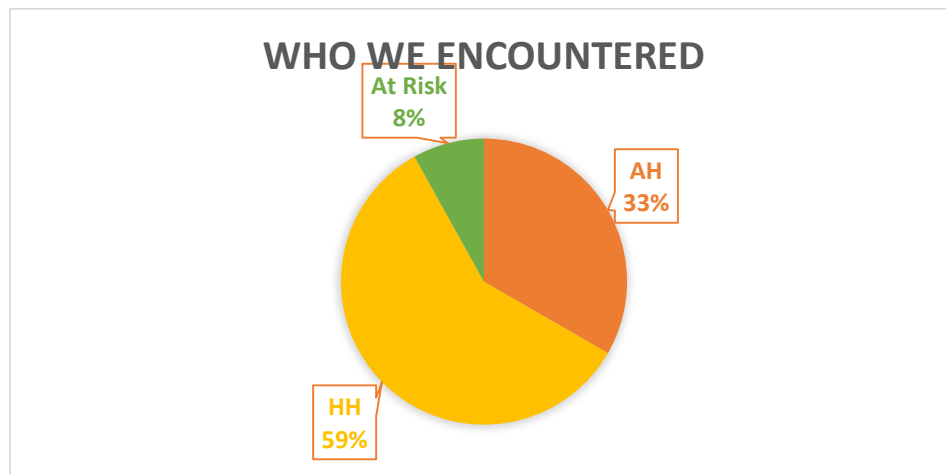


CVRD – Point-in-Time Summer Homeless Count August 2017

Youth, Young Adults & Homelessness – What did we Observe?

Who We Encountered:

- 24 individuals between the ages of 17 and 25
- 8 (33%) – 7 - AH surveyed + 1 missing data
- 14 (59%) – Hidden Homeless
- 2 – At Risk (8%)



Where did we meet these youth and young adults?

- 6 – Centennial Park
- 5 - Warmland
- 5 – Basket Society
- 1 – CWAV
- 1 – McAdams Park
- 1 – RCMP Holding Cell
- 5 – Chemainus

Who Were They?

	Absolute Homeless	Hidden Homeless	At Risk
Number	8	14	2
Age Range	17 to 24	18 to 25	22 to 25
Male – Female	4 – Males 4 - Females	6 – Males 8 - Females	1 – Male 1 - Female
Number First Nations	2 - Metis	11 – First Nations 1 – Non-Status	1 – First Nations
Education	Grade 10 to 1 yr University	Grade 8 to 12	Grade 8-9
Foster Care	5 – had been in FC	9 – Foster Care	1 – Foster Care
When First Experienced Insecure Housing	Between: 15 and 22 yrs Time: 1 to 6 yr Average: 2.4 yrs	Between ages: 7 and 21 Time: 1 to 17 yrs Average: 16.6	Between: 21 and 24 yrs Time: 1 yr Average: 1 yr
How Long lived Here	1 person for a month, 6 have lived here 5 yrs to always	2 people 7-9 months, 10 always lived here – one for 7 yrs, one for 22 yrs.	2 - Always
Why Housing loss – unstable	MH – 4 people Conflict/Abuse – 4 Evicted - 2	Conflict/Abuse – 8 Unable to pay rent – 7 Addiction – 6 Mental Health – 4 Unsafe - 4	2 – Unsafe 1 – Unable to pay rent
Income	3 – employed 3 – Informal – self- employed 3 – IA & Disability 2 – Friends Family 2 – No Income	6 – Disability 6 – Income Assistance 4 - Other	1 – Disability 1 – Income Assistance

- Missing Data for 1 individual – Absolute Homeless
- MH = Mental Health

What would have helped?

- A job. Support for housing.
- Employment. Low-cost housing
- More support for those with disabilities and mental health issues.
- Substance abuse counselling and income assistance.
- Identification
- More services – Don't know where they are.
- Community support.
- No where to go after foster care.
- Higher Benefits.

- Income assistance.
- Mental health services, detox centre for youth that is continued on.
- Foster system better overseen and extend age of help. xx
- Its either food or a home.
- Experienced prejudice.
- Landlords con you now.
- Affordable housing for a family of 5.
- References for good landlords for safety reasons.
- Rent Smart to be accepted more widely.
- Landlords not renting to people who have children

Services unable to get?

- Local Doctor
- Better medical help. Had to go to Victoria.
- Dental – doctor.
- Assistance with eye glasses.
- Youth advocate. xx
- Was cut off meds at 18.
- Greyhound Bus Service.
- Better transit. Nothing on Reserve so can not travel to work if on reserve. (Chemainus)
- Better bus service.
- Counselling.
- Rehab.
- Income tax assistance.
- Regaining ID
- Assistance with housing and getting children back.

More on Housing Challenges?

- Ministry not helpful. Discrimination based on age. (17 yr old – in foster care)
- Low-priced housing.
- Difficult to work and maintain a bed at Warmland.
- Youth rental units with support.
- People take advantage of you when you are homeless. (Sister – stay here if you do sex.)
- Longer time in supportive housing.
- Many places in Duncan have bug problems and are unsafe for children. If a house doesn't have bugs they have drugs.
- Multiple issues wrong with apartments and they are not getting fixed.