



# **FAMILY RECONNECT PROGRAM**

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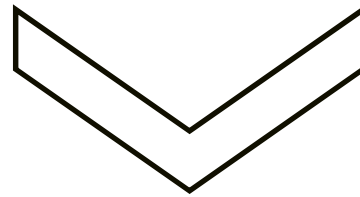
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Homelessness  
services (16-24)

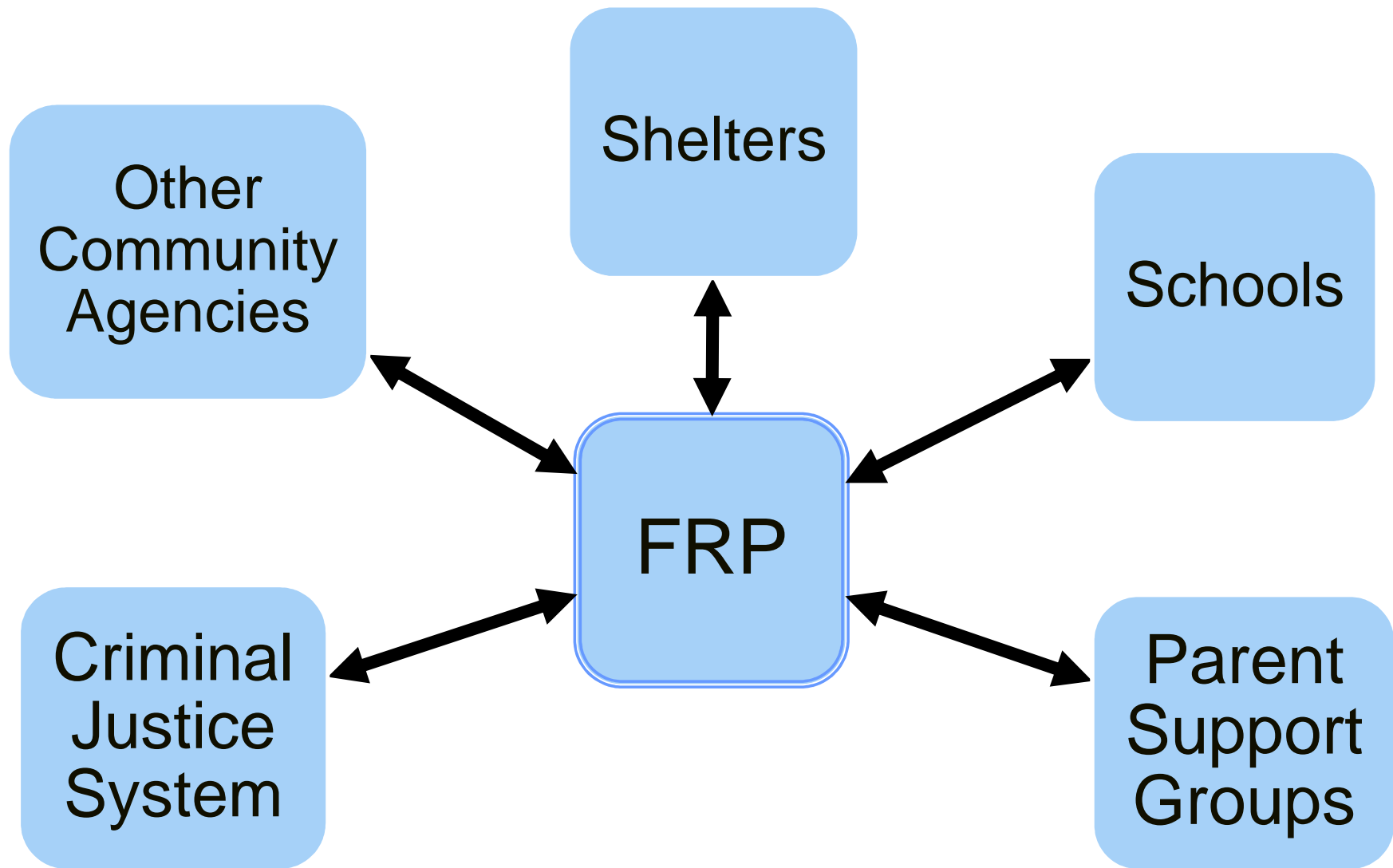
Prevention  
services (14-24)



Family and individual counseling  
Referrals, accompaniment, advocacy



# REFERRALS



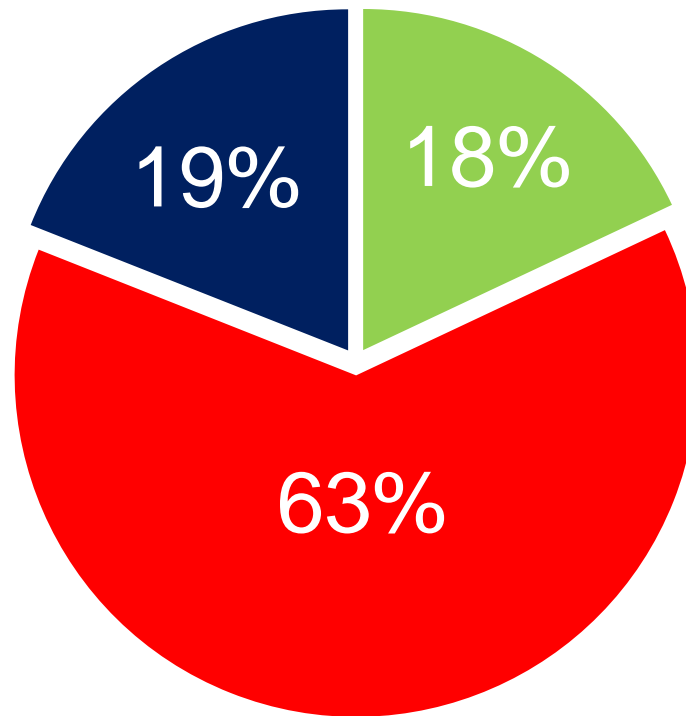
# FAMILY MATTERS

“Part of the solution to homelessness is connection with significant people, and those significant people can be family”



# EVA'S PLACE STATISTICS 2015

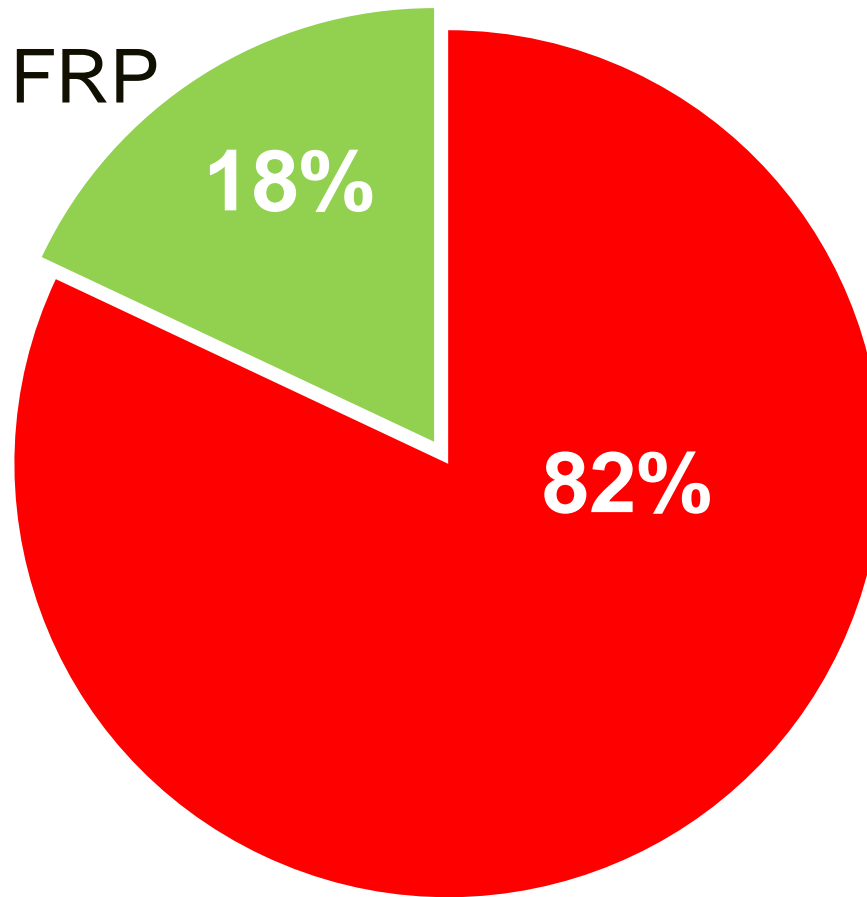
- Private housing
- Returned to family
- Supportive or Transitional



# EVA'S PLACE STATISTICS 2015

■ Received FRP service

■ No service with FRP

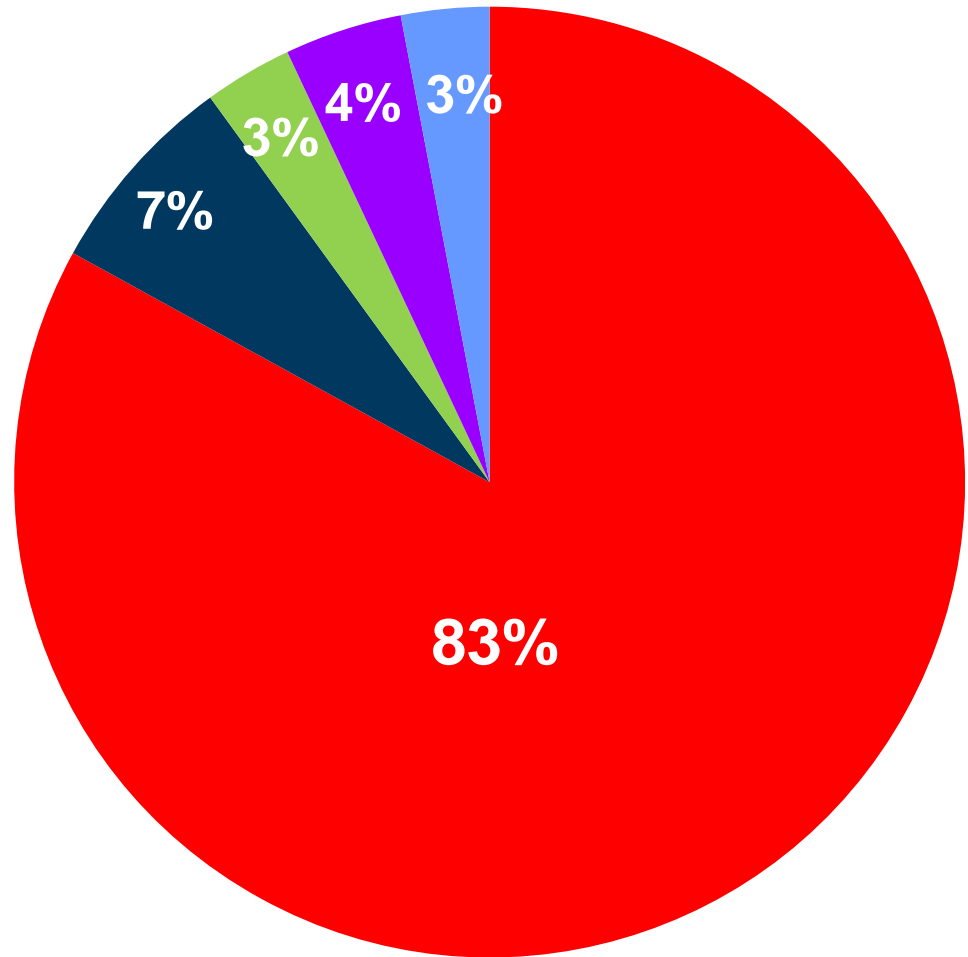


# PREVENTION SERVICES 2015

100%  
of Prevention Services  
clients did NOT  
become homeless

# PREVENTION SERVICES 2015

- Stayed at home
- Stayed in private housing
- Moved to other family
- Moved home from private housing
- Moved to private housing





# THE RECONNECT CHALLENGE: PRECONCEPTIONS

“Family is part of the  
past but not part of the  
future”



“All youth should be and  
can be self-sufficient”



- ❑ “Why was I the one who had to leave the home? Why didn’t I receive any support?”
- ❑ “...I want a family again. I want to feel like I belong”



# ENGAGING YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- 16/17 year olds and 1<sup>st</sup> time shelter users
- Youth arriving with family
- Phone calls from family members
- Youth talking to or about family and/or visiting family
- Include family in the discussion at intake and in case planning



# MEETING NEEDS

“ The (Counselor) expressed a desire to meet with us and was so sensitive to the delicate mindset I was in, she suggested she would come to our home and meet. I felt a huge weight lifted off my shoulders.”  
- a parent



# FAMILY RECONNECT PROGRAM STATS

Jan 1 2015 – Dec 31 2015

- 37 homeless youth returned to family
- 22 youth moved to private housing
- 17 youth moved to supportive housing
- 34 youth remained at home with their families
- 16 youth remained stable in the community
- 178 family members benefitted

# COST SAVINGS TO THE SYSTEM

- Cost of a 3 month shelter stay is \$5338.20
- In 2015 the FRP supported 126 youth to avoid entering or to leave homelessness
- The total savings to the shelter system is \$672,613.20



# RESOURCES

## **FAMILY RECONNECT PROGRAM TOOLKIT**

[reconnecttoolkit.evasinitatives.com](http://reconnecttoolkit.evasinitatives.com)

## **FAMILY MATTERS RESEARCH REPORT**

[homelesshub.ca/familymatters](http://homelesshub.ca/familymatters)



- ❑ “The Family Reconnect Program was a place where we got reassurance that all was not lost and that we were neither bad parents nor she a bad kid.
- ❑ Most importantly, the program allowed us to be part of the loop and part of the solution.”
- ❑ – a parent

