



# Homelessness Services in the City of Greater Sudbury

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# Overview

- Administered through the Social Services Division
- Funding from Federal, Provincial and Municipal government
- Partner with community agencies to provide the services
- Work from a Housing First philosophy

# Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)



Funds available for:

- Last month's rent deposits
- Utility deposits
- Rental arrears to avoid eviction
- Utility arrears to avoid disconnection
- Household items under exceptional circumstances

# Homelessness Network

Collaboration of 7 agencies lead by Centre de Sante:

- Corner Clinic
- John Howard Society
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
- Sudbury Action Centre for Youth
- Canadian Red Cross
- L'association de jeunes de la rue



# Emergency Shelter Programs



Salvation Army:

- Men's program  
146 Larch Street (22 beds)
- Women and Families Program  
Cedar Place, 261 Cedar Street  
(26 beds)



L'association de jeunes:

- Male & Female youth program  
(16 beds)
- Foyer Notre Dame, 307 Cedar Street

# Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter

- From November 1st to April 15th , a barrier free shelter is open at 200 Larch Street
- Provides 30 additional cots, soup, coffee, and warm, safe place to stay
- Local Poverty Reduction Fund
  - grant for two client navigator positions





# Extreme Cold Weather Alert Program

- Short term emergency response during periods of extreme cold
- 24 hour warming station at Elgin Street Mission
- Outreach van operates from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am



# The Samaritan Centre

Operated by New Hope Outreach Services

Houses three agencies:

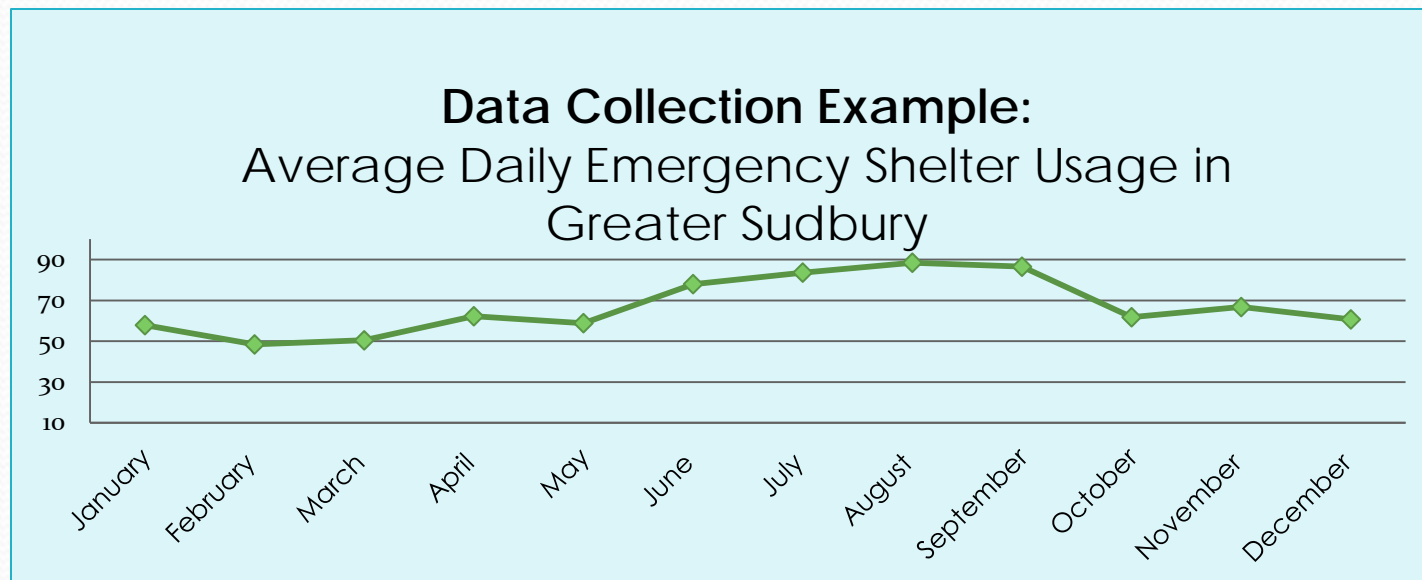
- Elgin St Mission (drop in centre)
- Blue Door Café (soup kitchen)
- Corner Clinic (health services)





# Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)

- Data collection system used by emergency shelters and Homelessness Network agencies
- HIFIS Community Coordinator position at Social Planning Council
- Data reported to federal government and in Report Card on Homelessness



# Homelessness Partnering Strategy

- 5 year funding agreement for 2014 - 2019
- \$226,189 annually
- 40% to be allocated to a Housing First program starting 2016
- Community Plan developed to identify priorities
- Community Advisory Board on Homelessness recommends and oversees projects

# Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funded Projects

- Annual Report Card on Homelessness
- Development of transitional housing beds
- Enhancements to Emergency Shelter facilities
- Out of the Cold Shelter
- Housing First training
- 2015 Homelessness Count





# Linkages and Partnerships

- Ontario Works case managers assigned to emergency shelters for income support
- Urgent status on social housing registry
- Community paramedic program in emergency shelters
- Partner member of Community Mobilization Sudbury
- Member of Harm Reduction Steering Committee





**Thank you!**