

Staking Our Claim:

Charting a Path for Realizing the Right to Housing for Women & Gender-Diverse People

Every night, **1000** women and their children are turned away from homeless shelters across Canada

A lack of funding for gender-specific homeless support services exacerbates vulnerabilities for women and gender-diverse people.



Only 13% of shelter beds are dedicated to women

Support services overlook women experiencing hidden homelessness

Women and gender-diverse people who live with an abuser are not prioritized for homeless support services because they are not viewed as chronically homeless.



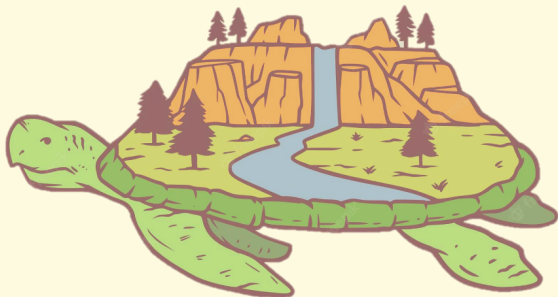
The most common cause for homelessness amongst women is a break-up

"Systemic issues need systemic solutions"
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Executive director of the Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network

Indigenous People displaced on Indigenous land



Indigenous Peoples are the original peoples of the land, but are disproportionately represented amongst those experiencing homelessness.

Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat

Co-chair of the National Indigenous Housing Network



Indigenous homelessness is linked to colonial violence

Settlers refused to acknowledge the basic humanity of Indigenous Peoples specifically to take their land. Once land was seized, assimilation approaches like the Residential School system were used to erase the culture and language of Indigenous groups



The **dispossession** of land from Indigenous Peoples is connected to the **disproportionate** rate of homelessness amongst Indigenous populations.

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