

Women's Housing Planning Collaborative: Gender Lens On Homelessness

Deputation to Emergency and Community Services sub-committee
of City of Hamilton Council

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Women's Housing Planning Collaborative (WHPC)

□ Members:



□ Funder: Homelessness Partnering Strategy



□ Monthly meetings:

- Steering Committee
- Service Coordination Committee
- Advisory Committee (First Voice)



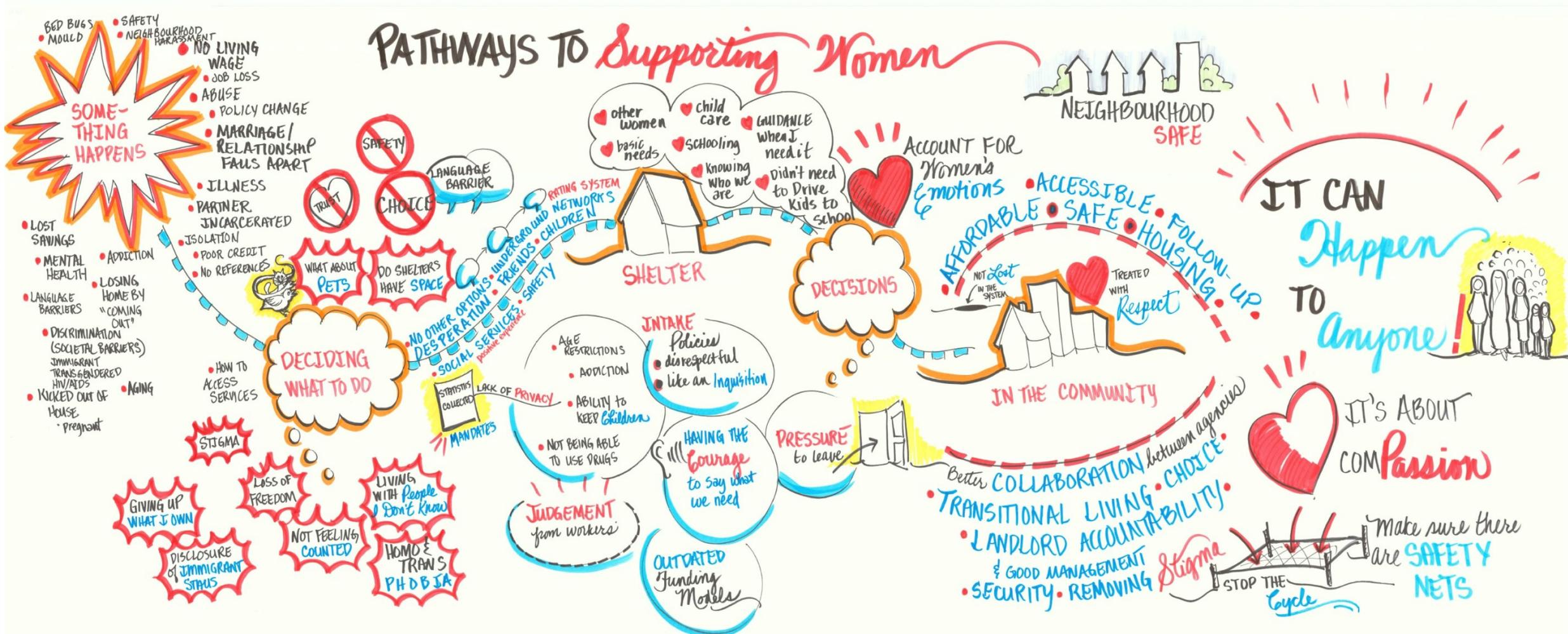
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- **Mandate:**
 - develop, coordinate, advocate for and facilitate a gender specific, comprehensive and seamless system of services to meet the needs of women experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness.

- **Activities:**
 - Service planning
 - Memorial
 - Advocacy

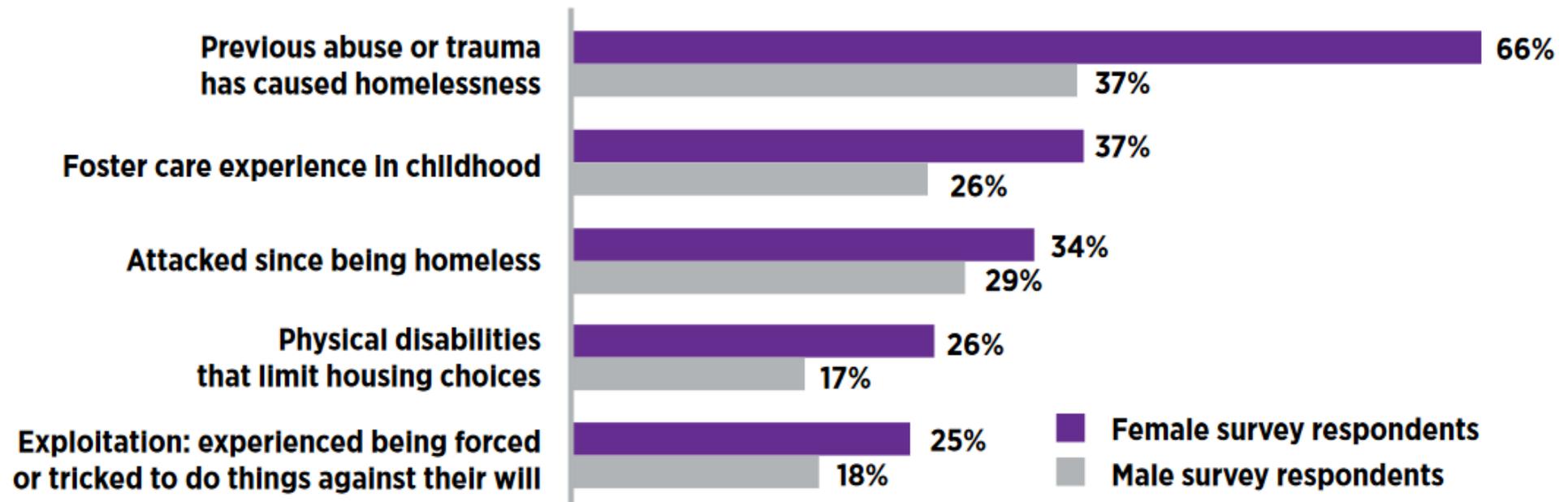


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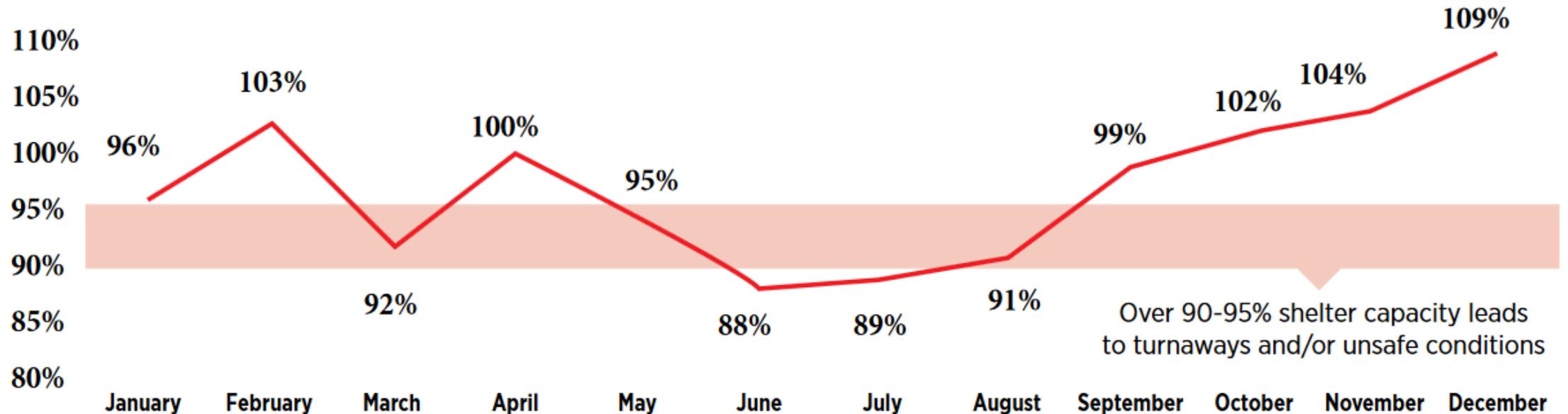
Selected differences among women and men experiencing homelessness



Data source: City of Hamilton Point in Time 20,000 Homes survey among persons experiencing homelessness, 2016

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Shelter usage (% of funded beds in use), women's emergency shelters, city of Hamilton, 2017



No wrong door

Housing First - Supporting our Sisters
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**Carol Anne's Place with
Womankind Addiction Service**
ywcahamilton.org | stjoes.ca



Staying Home - Eviction Prevention
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Mountain View Program
nativewomenscentre.com

Willow's Place
mission-services.com



Transitional Living Program
ywcahamilton.org



Service responses

Policy responses

Support private market affordable rental housing

- Advocacy for stronger tenant protections (municipal and provincial)
- Inclusionary zoning bylaw
- Tax incentives for new below market rental units

Promote choice in housing

- Housing allowances
- National Portable Housing Benefit

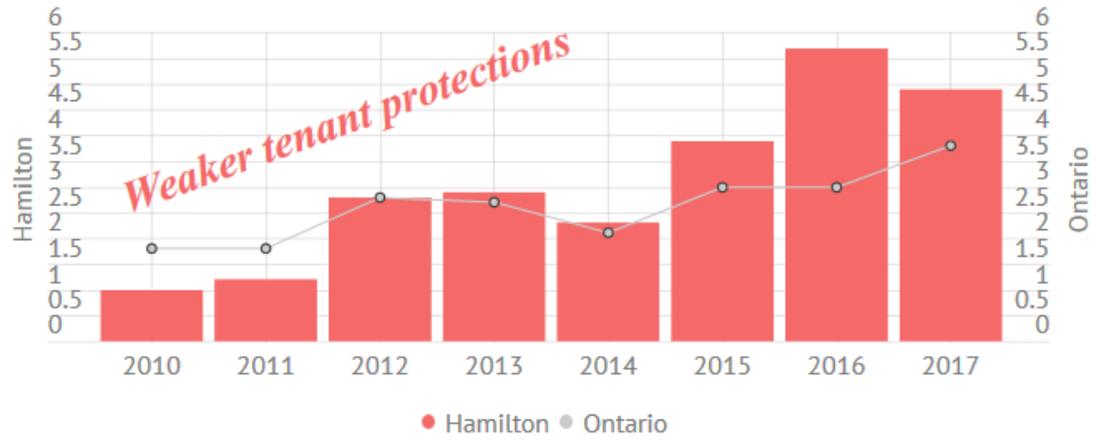
Promote new and existing social housing and other non-profit affordable housing

- Land Trusts, land grants and land banks, including using surplus LRT lands for affordable housing
- Energy efficiency retrofits
- Tower Renewal

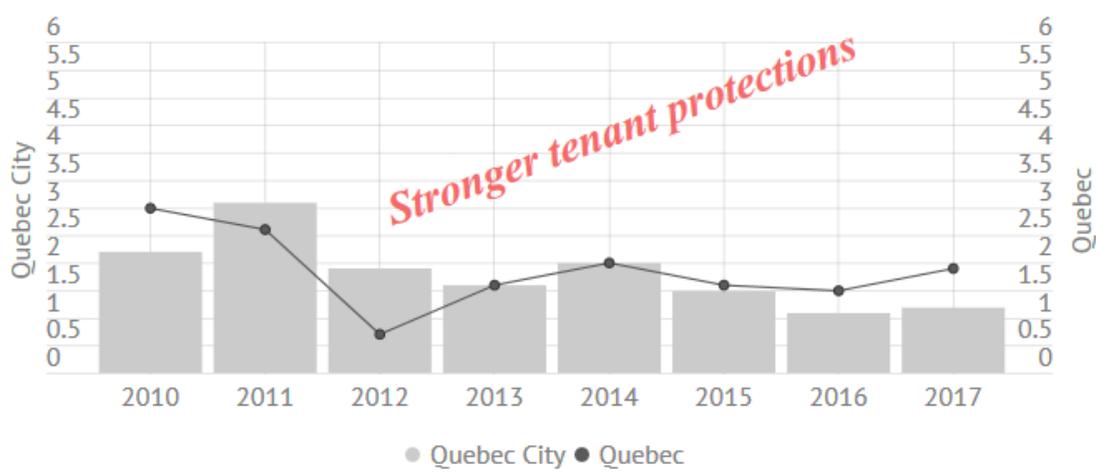
Out of Control Housing report: Stronger tenant protections needed in Hamilton

Annual increase in average rents (% change),

City of Hamilton, Quebec City, Ontario and Quebec, 2010-2017



Download data



Myth Busting

Evidence from Quebec indicates that stronger tenant protection policies have *not* deterred development of new rental housing, a myth often put forward by landlords. More than 12,000 private primary rental market units have been added in Quebec City since 2011, compared to fewer than 700 in Hamilton in the same time period.

Net change in private primary rental market units each year, City of Hamilton and Quebec City, 2011-2017

