



More Than A Bed

How to Use This Report

*For Violence Against Women
Shelters and Transition Houses*

With Staff

Staff may benefit from seeing that they are not alone in terms of burn out and the increasing complexity of cases they're seeing.

The survey participant quotes scattered throughout the report may give staff insights into things they are doing well or could do differently.

With Donors and the General Public

Workshop the findings to identify areas where you could leverage the results for advocacy, public education, or other initiatives at your shelter.

- Use Section 5 to show all the services shelters/THs provide beyond a safe bed.
- If your shelter/TH is below average for a certain statistic or lacks a service that a large percentage of shelters/THs have, advocate for why it is important for you to offer that service.
- Use the funding section to point out the lack of sustainable funding for the sector and why donations are so crucial.

With Your Board

Use the report as an educational tool for Board members, especially new members, to help them situate your shelter within Canada.

Encourage your Board members to share the report with their networks.

With the Media

If your shelter/TH is below average for a certain statistic in your province/territory, or if your province/territory is lagging behind others, contact your local media and make the case for why that should be changed.

Alert your local media to this report and give an interview. Local stories are incredibly useful to illustrate data.





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With Elected Officials

WSC advocates for every woman and child in Canada to have access to comparable services, regardless of where they live. This report shows that this is currently not the case. Use the statistics around service delivery and capacity, for example, to advocate with local and provincial/territorial governments for sustainable funding.

WSC is also advocating with the federal government for a National Action Plan on Violence Against Women. Contact your MP using some of the facts and figures in this report to demonstrate how

* Suggestion: Connect with other VAW shelters/THs when speaking to the media and with elected officials. We are stronger together.

