



SECOND STAGE SHELTERS

AT A GLANCE

Second stage shelters are a unique form of transitional housing for survivors of intimate partner violence who are at risk of danger post-separation and who need additional time and support to heal from their trauma and rebuild their lives.

- There are **124+** second stage shelters across Canada
- **75%** of shelters surveyed are affiliated with an emergency shelter/transition house
- **15.2 months** is the average length of stay
- Shelters surveyed have an average of **11 units** each; **82%** are individual apartment units
- **78%** of shelters surveyed provide some furnishing for residents

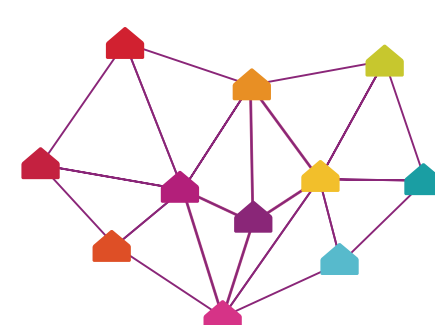
“Our goal is to support the women and children who have left an abusive environment. To give them the tools and resources to break that cycle and to help them move forward for an independent life.”

—shelter director, Ontario, interview

TOP THREE GOALS FOR RESIDENTS

1. Independence
2. Safety
3. Long-Term Housing

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