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The Youth Housing Initiative was created to address a significant gap in the homelessness service system.

YHIs target cohort is young people who are experiencing homelessness and present with other comorbidities, including histories of trauma, abuse, mental health conditions, problematic drug and alcohol use.

This group of young people have traditionally been screened out of housing support services due to their complex presentation and perceived risk.

YHI specifically seeks to work with this group with targeted supports, including embedded therapeutic and peer supports.

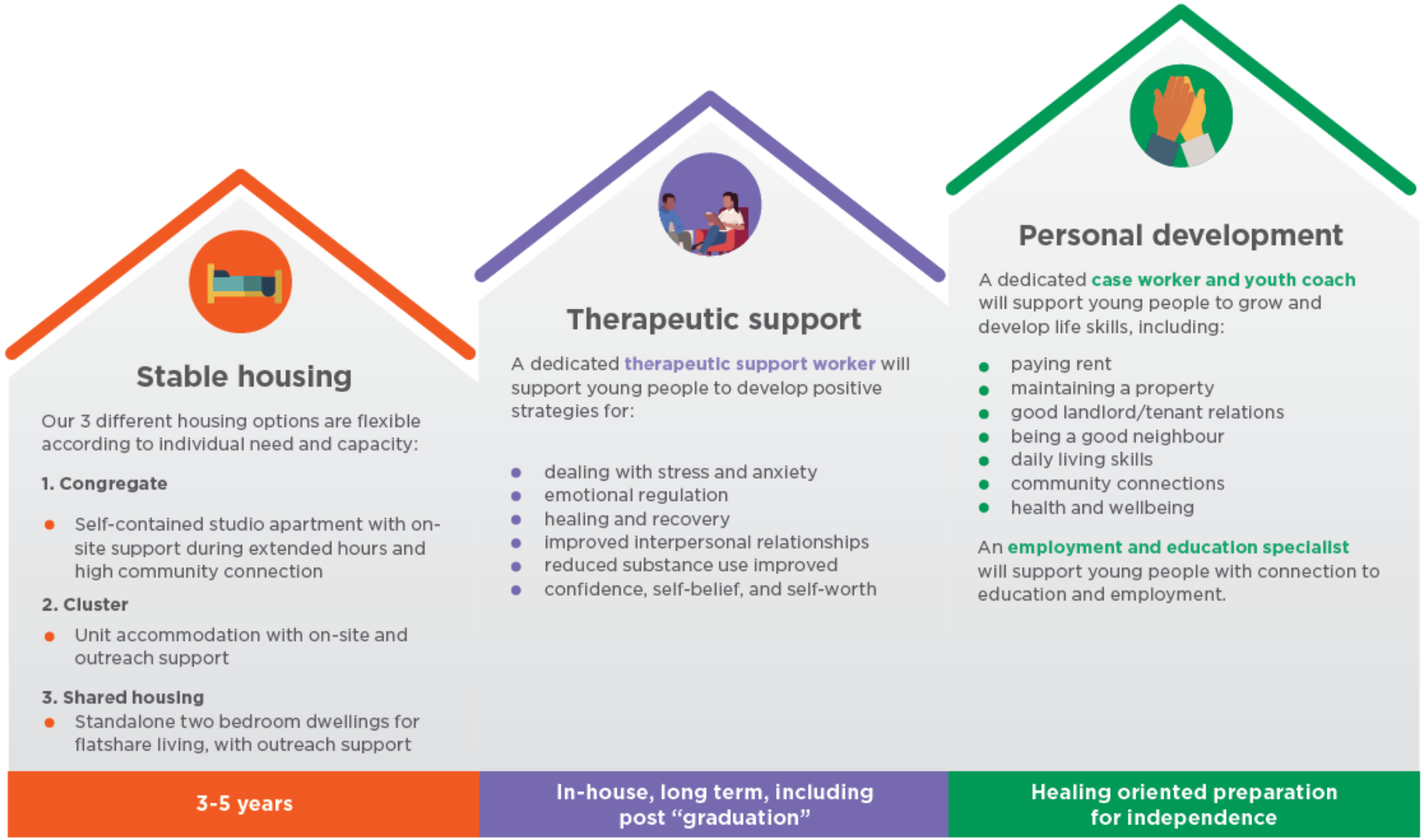




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Young people need stability, safety and support, and importantly, time, to heal and grow towards independence.

Our solution will be the only program in Victoria that offers this, all under one roof, in a positive, healing oriented model of support to exit homelessness for good.



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The YHI Program is designed so that at the end of four years, a young person that had previously been experiencing homelessness is self-sufficient and:

- Has capabilities to maintain a tenancy
- Has living and emotional skills and confidence to manage the day to day life
- Is engaged in meaningful work or ongoing education
- Has a group of friends and networks that they can rely upon
- Is physically and mentally well.

YHI is more than a housing program and more than a support program.

YHI was developed to be a real-world demonstration of the concept that will provide evidence of the costs, savings, and benefits of preventing homelessness in young people with medium to high needs through integrated housing and support services.

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In designing the YHI, MCM consulted extensively with young people and actively challenged current practices and norms. It innovates in several key ways:

Integrated therapeutic support	Delivery of therapeutic support by skilled professionals who are an integral part of the program team – to help young people recover from trauma and lay foundations for change and growth
Length of support	Sustained support and housing for up to four years; far longer than typical homelessness services, which generally focus on crisis resolution rather than sustained change
Rent Reimbursement	The program is committed to assisting young people post YHI through reimbursing rentals paid to set them up for future independence
Shared tenancies	Designed to support young people to develop the skills to be able to manage a shared tenancy – key to ensuring a smooth and sustained transition out of homelessness

MCM Housing

- MCM Housing has been operating as a housing provider since 2022

- Currently the only registered housing provider in Victoria providing long-term housing exclusively to young people aged 18-24

- Manages long-term single occupancy, shared occupancy, rooming house and Foyer tenancies

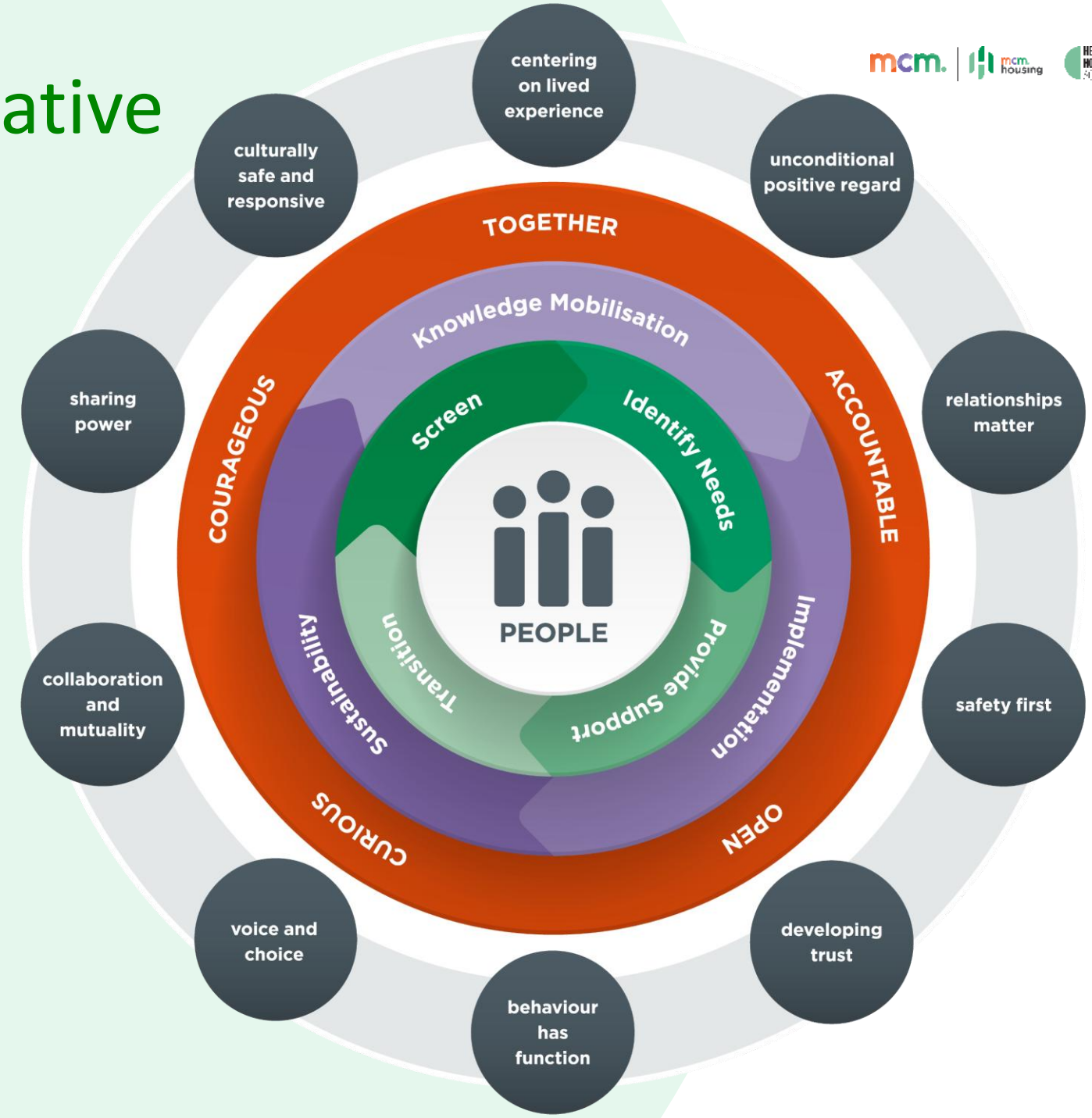
- Operating in Melbourne, Gippsland and Geelong

- Tenancy manager for 46 YHI tenancies, across 30 properties

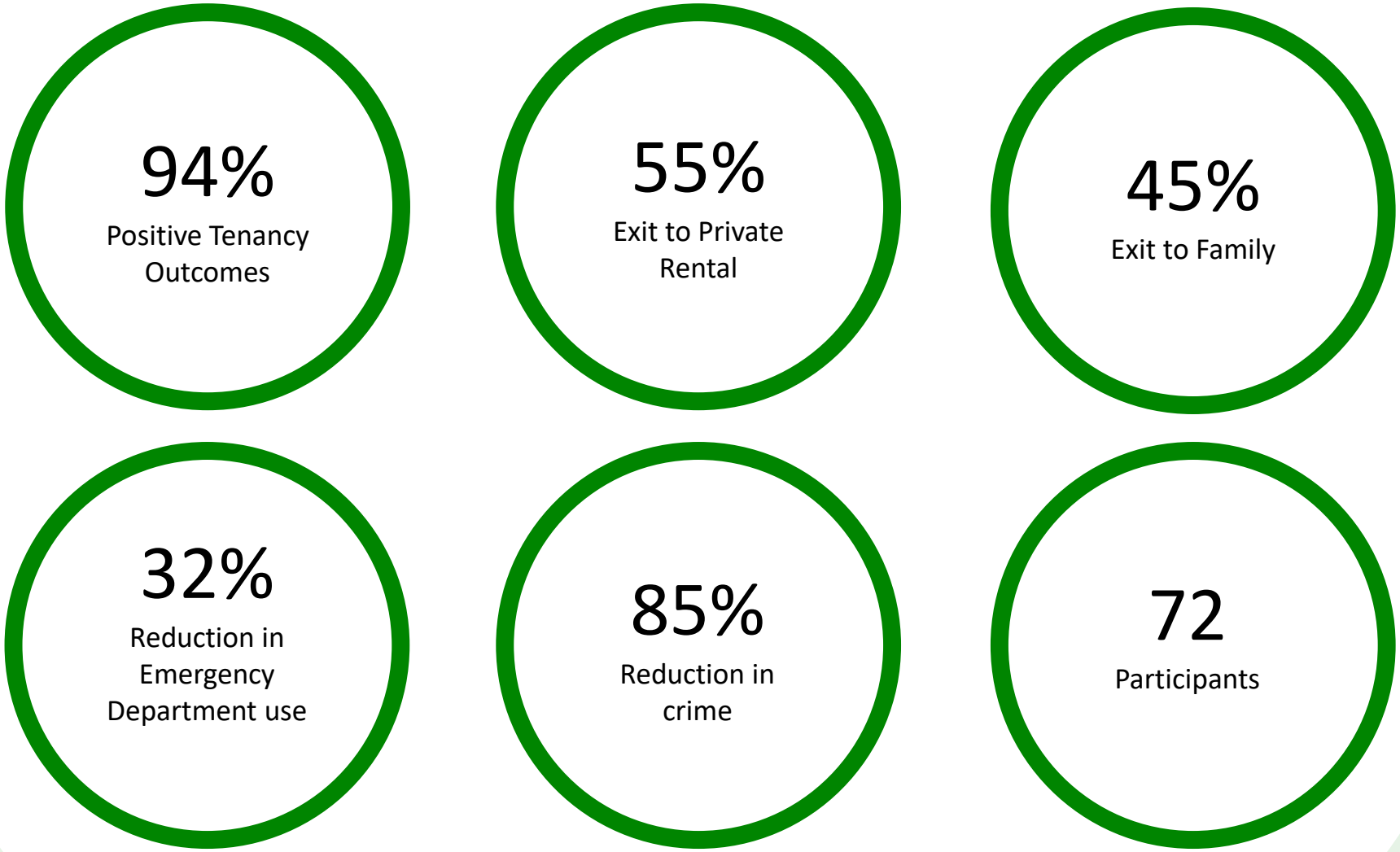


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