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Housing people when little to no housing is available: A focus on prison-impacted communities

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Who is in prison?

$159,808
Cost to incarcerate one person in NSW per year

49,295
Adults in Australian prisons

14,070
Adults in NSW prisons

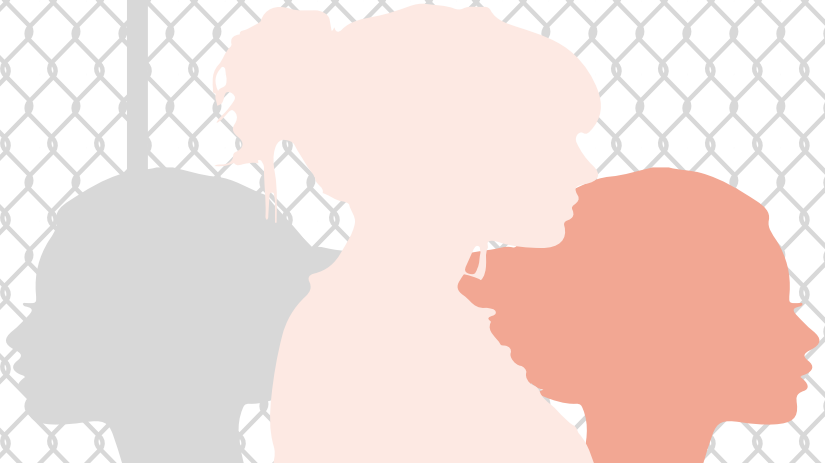
962
Women in NSW prisons

492
First Nations (44%)

First Nations women are **21.2 x** more likely to be imprisoned

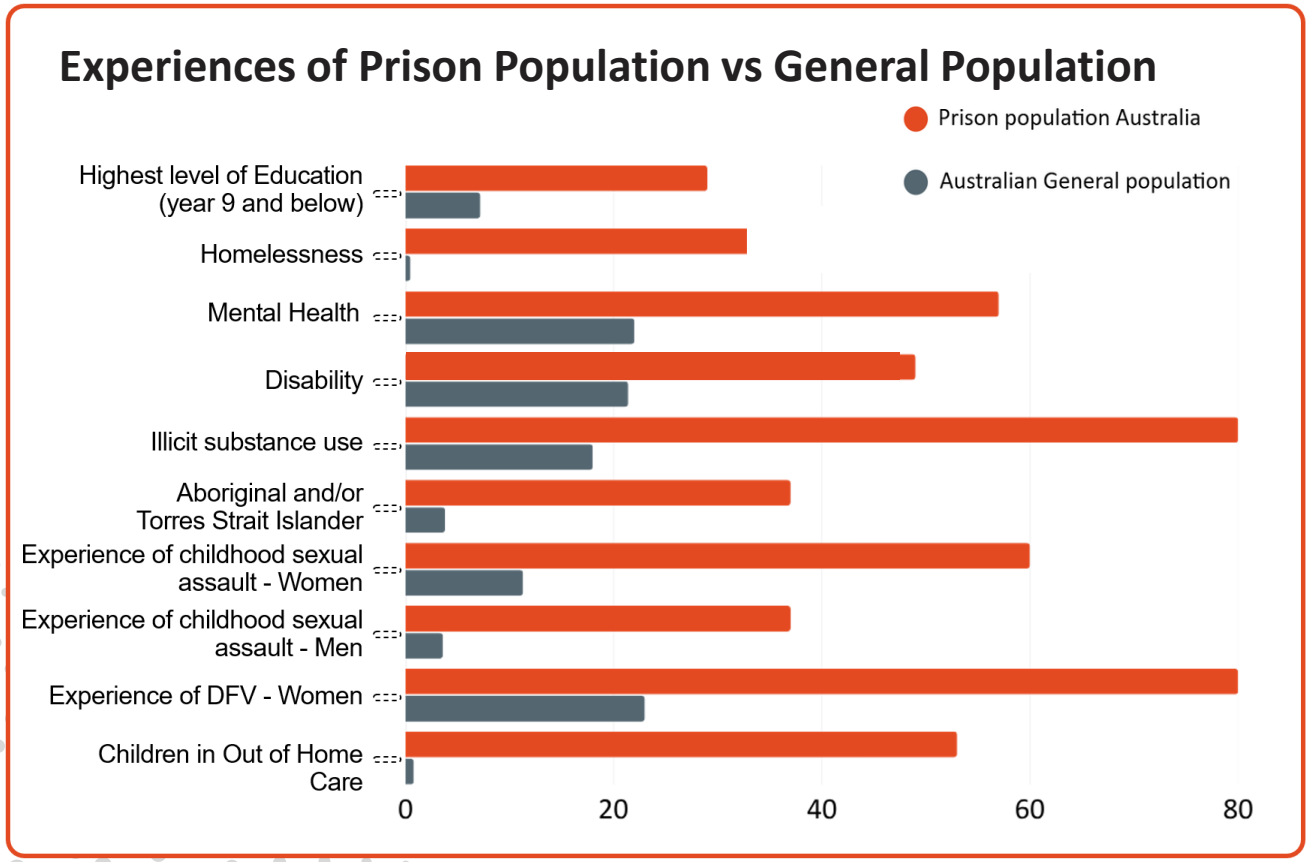
57%
are unsentenced

55%
Women on remand are First Nations



Homelessness, a social determinant of justice

Prison is managing unmet need at the most vulnerable point



25% are homeless at prison entry

49,295 people in Australian Prisons

34% are homeless at prison discharge

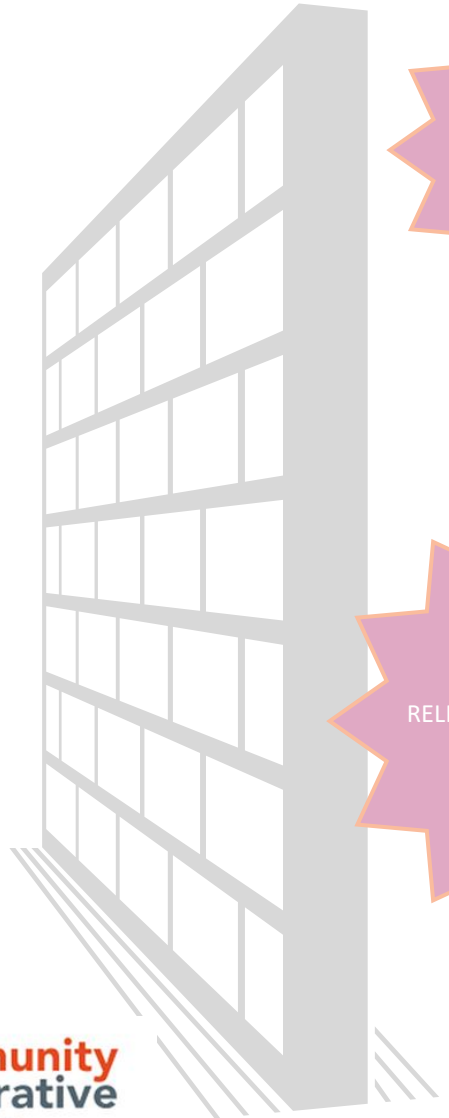
0.5% of Australian population are homeless

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Barriers to accessing housing

Practitioner factsheet



- Lack of formal pathways into housing
- Can't live in certain areas
- Returning to unsafe environments
- INCREASING RISK
- Parole / bail conditions can impact access to housing
- Multiple and intersecting support needs
- overcrowding / RELIANCE OR PRESSURE on family
- No I.D
- location & GEOGRAPHY
- Housing systems and processes can be exclusionary
- Exclusion and stigma
- Leases terminated

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CRC RHSP Model

RHSP supports people exiting prison to secure housing, sustain tenancy, rebuild wellbeing, reduce re-incarceration.

HOUSING FIRST

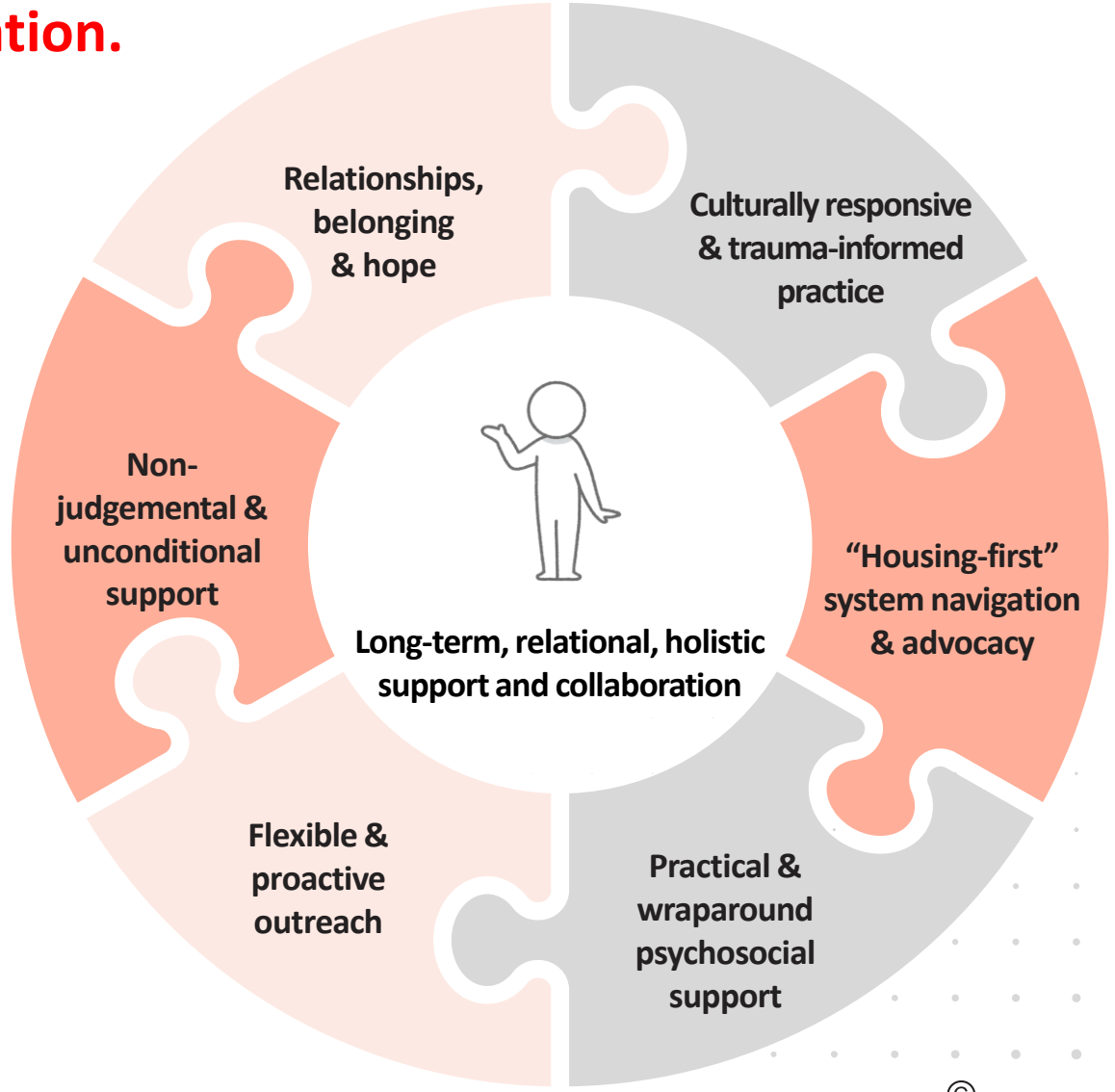
Support for people leaving prison who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT

Holistic psychosocial support designed to strengthen wellbeing and reduce repeat homelessness and recidivism.

EMBEDDED DELIVERY

Two CRC workers are co-located with DCJ Housing teams across six NSW offices.



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Stages of support

Stage 1	Pre-Release Support	3 months
Stage 2	Intensive Transitional Support	12 months
Stage 3	Intensive Post-Release Support	
Stage 4	Consolidation and Planning	
Stage 5	Monitoring and Exit	



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Outcomes

Long term housing by location



46% 3%

RHSP vs SHS

of people exiting custody supported into long term housing

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Link between homelessness and recidivism

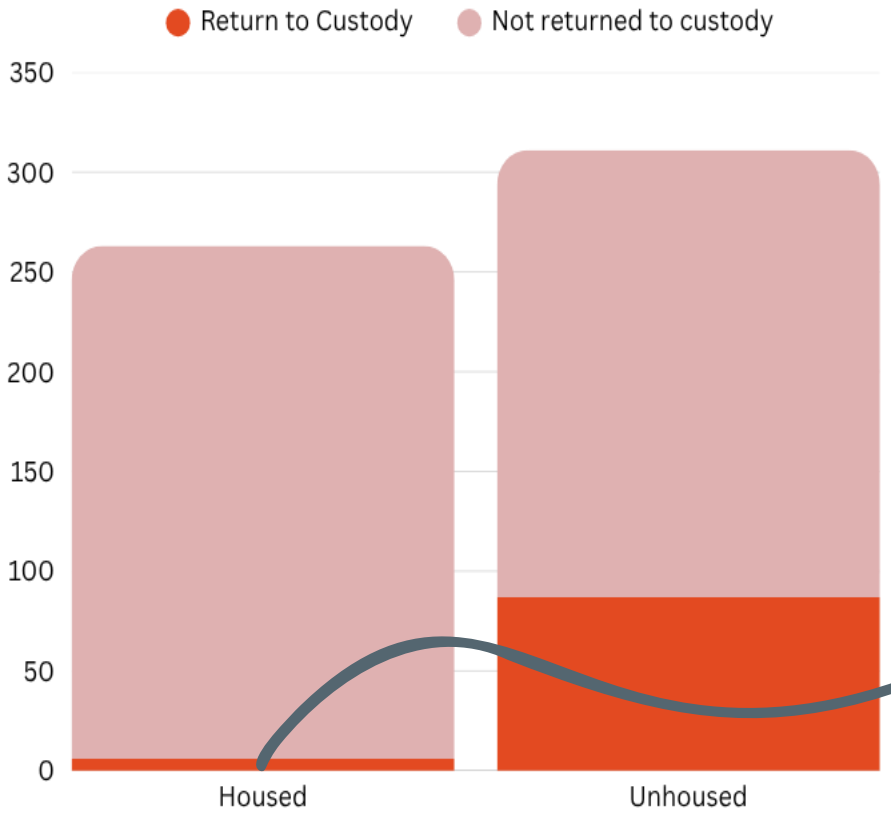


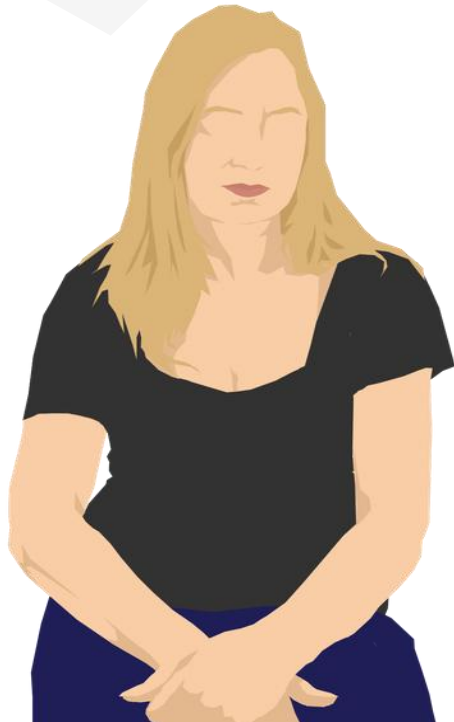
Figure1: CRC Evaluation - Reintegration Housing Support Program (2025)

Only 2%
of people supported into housing through CRC's RHSP **returned to prison**

100% of women housed long-term **remained in the community**

"[When I have housing] I feel secure and I have something to lose. Most of the time, I haven't got nothing to lose so I keep doing the wrong thing"

- CRC client



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