



**ABORIGINAL COALITION  
TO END HOMELESSNESS**



# **FIRST NATIONS HEALTH & WELLNESS SUMMIT**

**MAY 7-9, 2024**

**FRAN HUNT-JINNOUCHI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

# OUR MISSION

To *lovingly* provide culturally supportive, affordable housing and services that end Aboriginal homelessness on Vancouver Island.



2016 | NON-PROFIT & REGISTERED CHARITY 2018 | HOUSING PROVIDER



# LƏK'wƏNƏN

SONGHEES ESQUIMALT





# FOUR DIRECTIONS

## FINDING WELLNESS

Provide Island-wide culturally appropriate housing through the use of leading-practice housing models.

SHELTER, HOUSING, HOMES

## BUILDING COMMUNITY

Strengthen existing programs and services through an Aboriginal worldview.

SUPPORT SERVICES

## BUILDING OUR STRENGTH

Secure core funding and infrastructure for operations, and adopt sound business practices for service delivery.

GOVERNANCE, POLICY, RESOURCES

## BEARING WITNESS

Advocate for public policy and support for Aboriginal housing and services.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



# CULTURALLY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

PRIORITY ONE

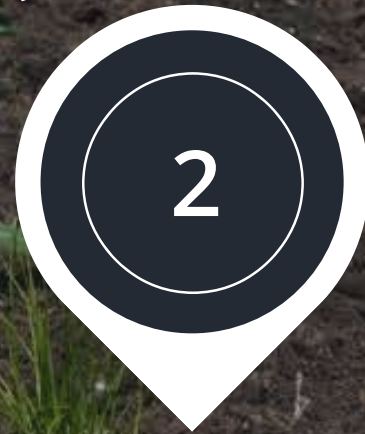
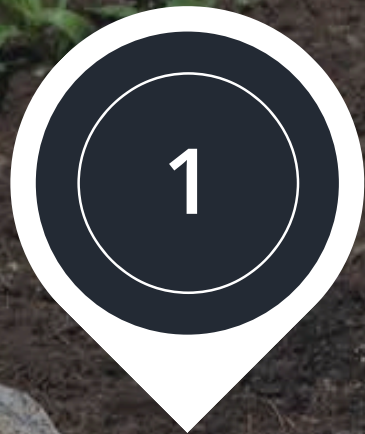
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CULTURALLY SUPPORTIVE HOUSE

KWUM KWUM LELUM

YOUTH HOUSE

XEXE PAHLATSI LELUM



2016-2019

2020

2021

2023

2024

2024

## 5YHS 2023

**1**

YOUTH PREVENTION

**2**

FAMILY (RE)UNIFICATION

**3**

ISLAND-WIDE EXPANSION

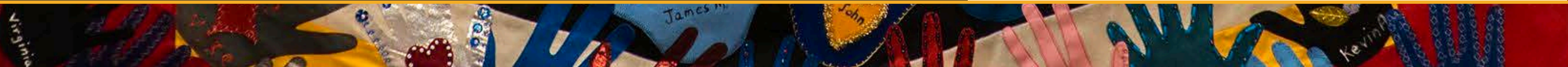
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HOUSING & SERVICE TRANSITIONS



# MAYOR'S PRIORITY ONE TASKFORCE

**2016-19**





ARTIST - EVAN JAMES

Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness



**1**

Provide Culturally Supportive Housing

**2**

Develop an Indigenous Alcohol Harm Reduction Program

**3**

Establish Island-wide 'healing communities'

**4**

Align traditional with Western models of care

**5**

Develop a 'Healing House' in the downtown core





# DUAL MODEL OF HOUSING CARE



**CULTURALLY  
SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING**



Artist: Doug LaFortune



**DECOLONIZED  
HARM  
REDUCTION**

*DEEPLY ROOTED IN LAND-BASED HEALING*

**UNHOUSED UP TO 15 YRS**

**MULTIPLE BARRIERS**

**PERSONAL CARE**

**CHILDREN IN CARE**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**POLYSUBSTANCE USE**

**CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM**



# **CULTURALLY SUPPORTIVE HOUSE**

The Culturally Supportive House opened in March 2020 and offered Culturally Supportive Housing and Indigenous Alcohol Harm Reduction services to up to 14 members of the Indigenous Street Family in the downtown core. Culturally Supportive House closed in 2023 and the program moved to House of Courage.





# HOUSE OF **COURAGE** KWUM KWUM LELUM





# **XEXE PAHLATSI** **LELUM**

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**SACRED CRADLE HOUSE**

*2 pilot sites in 2023*



**Provincial Health  
Services Authority**



**6 YOUTH  
OPENED  
APRIL 2024**



**YOUTH HOUSE**



# **CULTURALLY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN DEVELOPEMENT**

- **XEXE PAHLATSIS LELUM, Victoria**
- **XEXE PAHLATSIS LELUM, Langford**
- **Wellness House, Victoria**
- **Sanala Culturally Supportive  
Housing Society, Port Hardy**



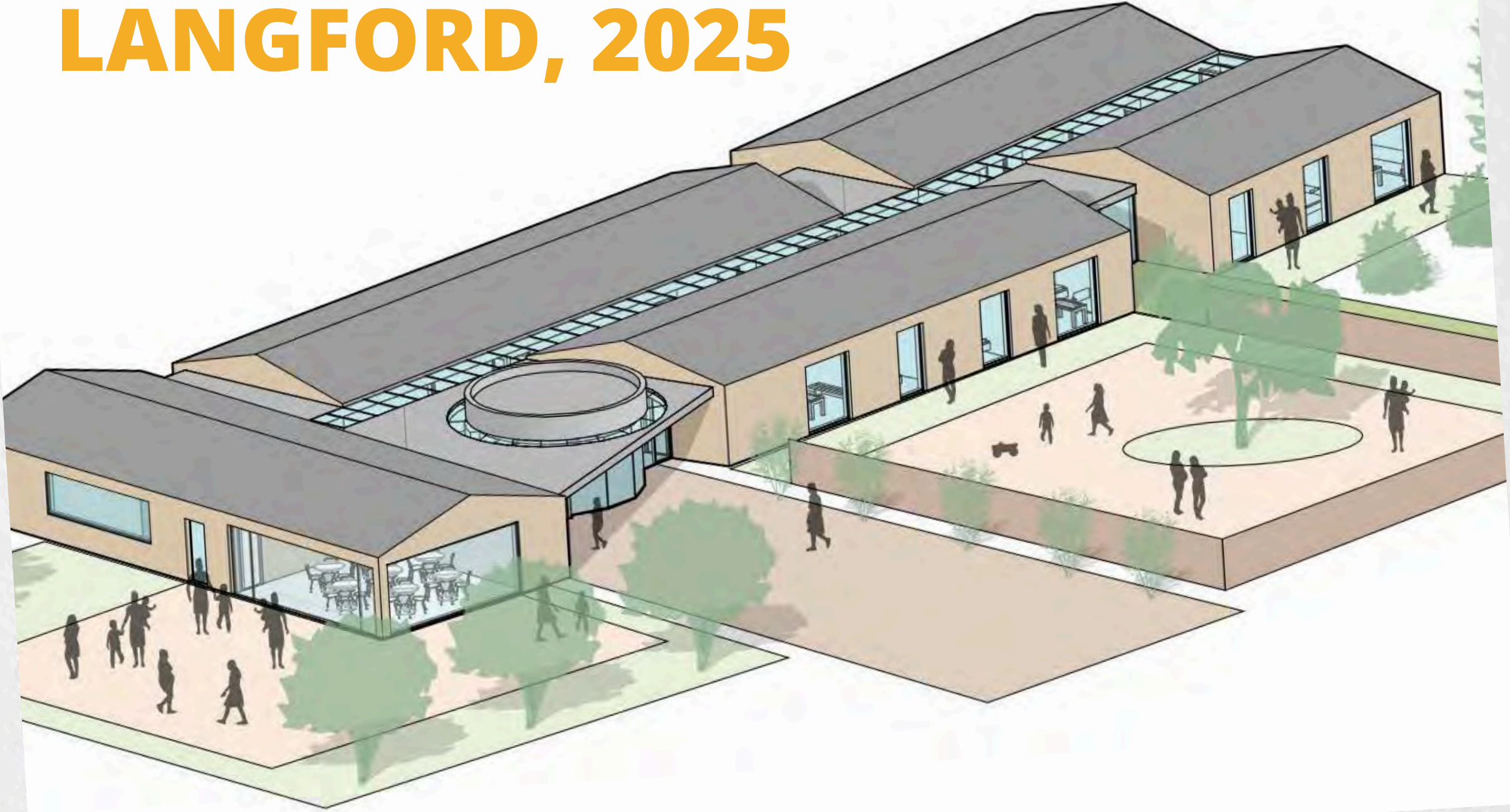


**XEXE PAHLATSIS LELUM**  
**VICTORIA, JULY 2024**



# **XEXE PAHLATSIS LELUM**

## **LANGFORD, 2025**





**Sanala**

**Culturally  
Supportive  
Housing  
Society**

**PORT HARDY, 2025**

# WELLNESS HOUSE

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*Site plan by award-winning  
Indigenous architect Alfred  
Waugh at Formline  
Architecture & Urbanism*





**WELLNESS**  
**HOUSE**

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If people have the same values they will create a community, no matter what. [...] You put enough people who care about each other- even the rule breakers will create community and even when the odds are stacked against them.

I'd had enough of it. I knew that substance use wasn't fulfilling my purpose.

Getting involved in leadership right away. A leadership structure in a wellness house is very important.

Once I came out, I had all these tools I was taught. I had healthy ways to communicate.

Having an Elder from my community come in and know my family was so impactful. It made me want to care for him- bring him tea.

What really helped me is when I started praying to my Creator... Having a tool bag of many things that helped me. I was really resistant to culture and once I started connecting with it, it saved my life.

# RECOVERY & TREATMENT MODEL DEVELOPMENT

# TRANSITIONS TO INDEPENDENT

PROPORTIONAL ACCESS

33%



**14 HOUSED FOR 2+YRS**

# CULTURALLY ALIGNED INTEGRATED SUPPORT PROGRAM (CAIS)

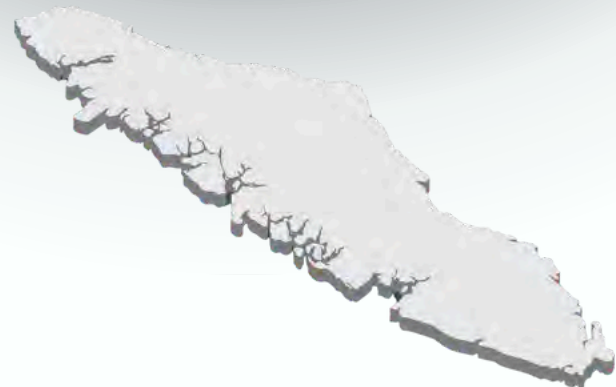


The ACEH was chosen as the first pilot site in BC to design and deliver the Indigenous-led stream, called the Culturally Aligned Integrated Support Program.





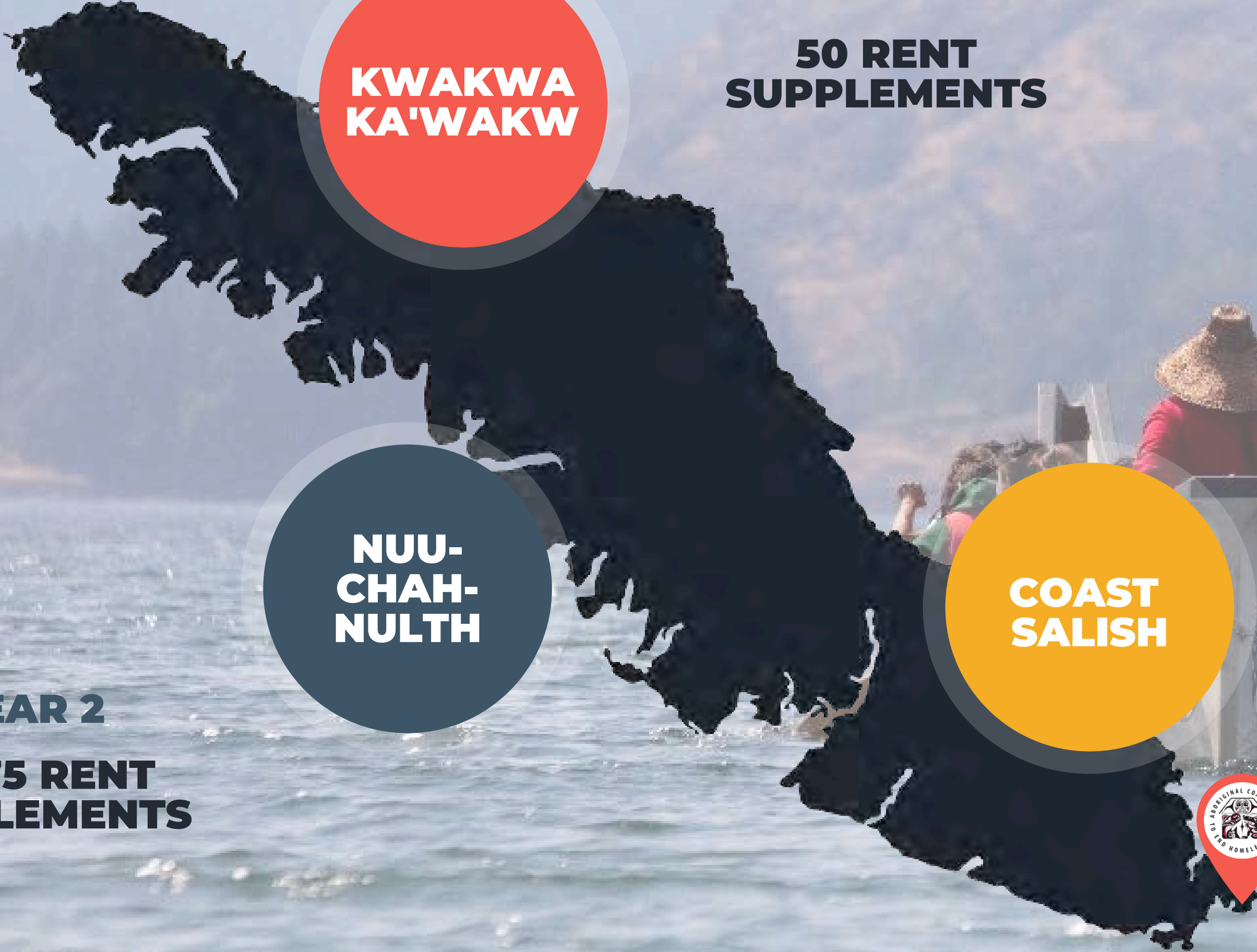
**225 RENT  
SUPPLEMENTS**



**3 YEAR PILOT**

# CULTURALLY ALIGNED INTEGRATED SUPPORTS





**KWAKWA  
KA'WAKW**

**YEAR 2**  
**50 RENT  
SUPPLEMENTS**



**NUU-  
CHAH-  
NULTH**

**YEAR 2**  
**50-75 RENT  
SUPPLEMENTS**

**COAST  
SALISH**

**YEAR 1**  
**100 RENT  
SUPPLEMENTS**





# LAND-BASED HEALING

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*Pathways to Healing & Recovery*



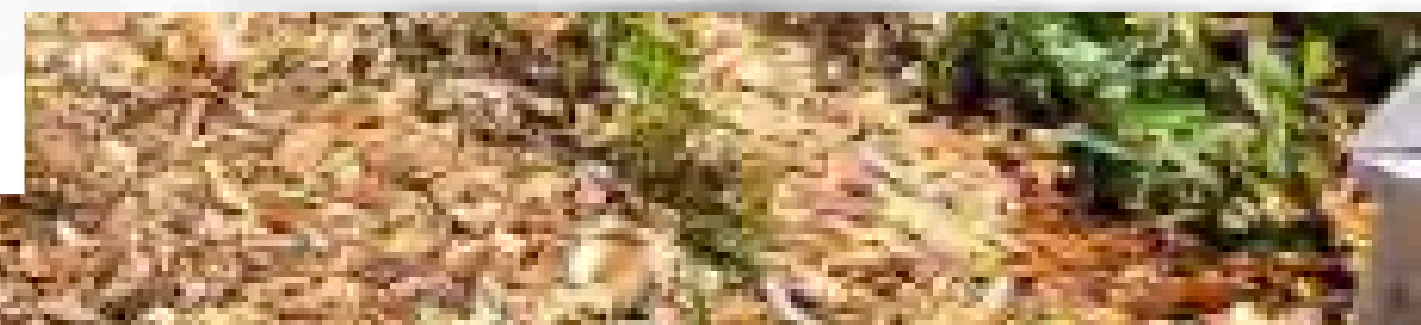
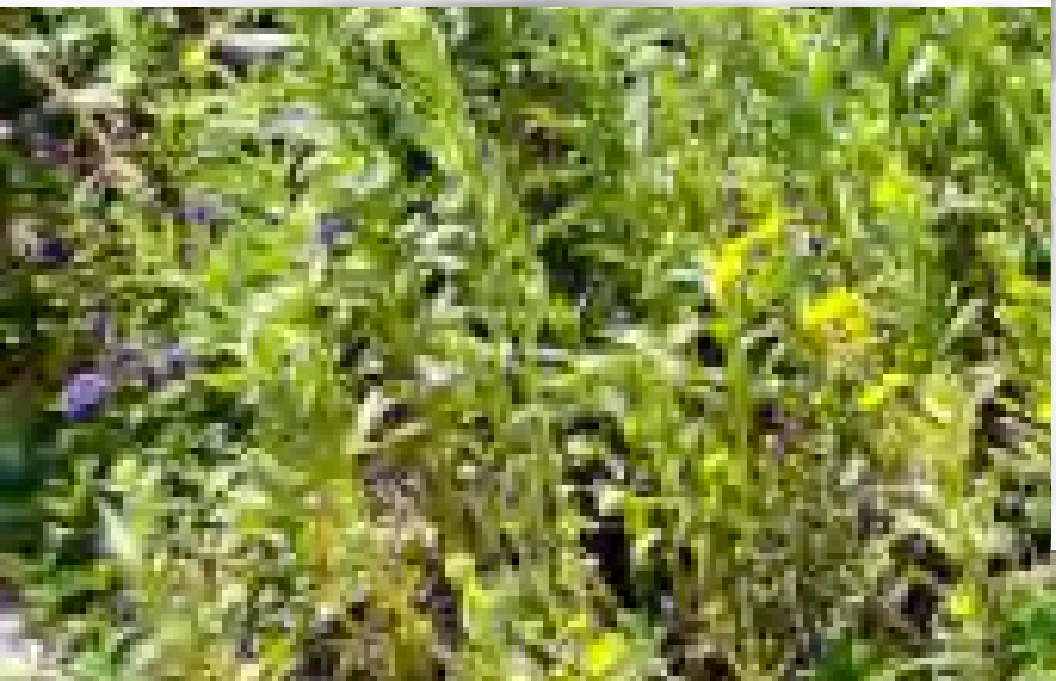
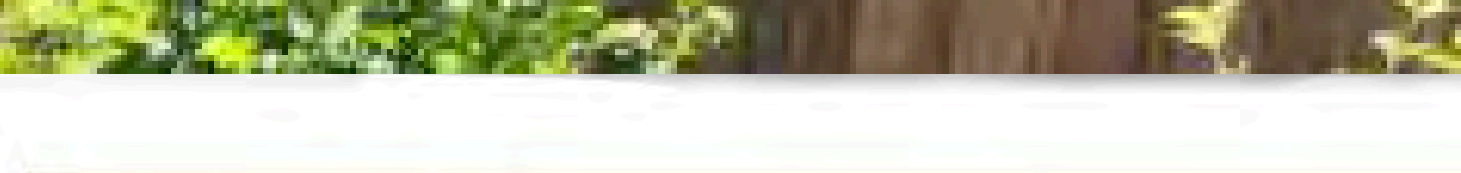
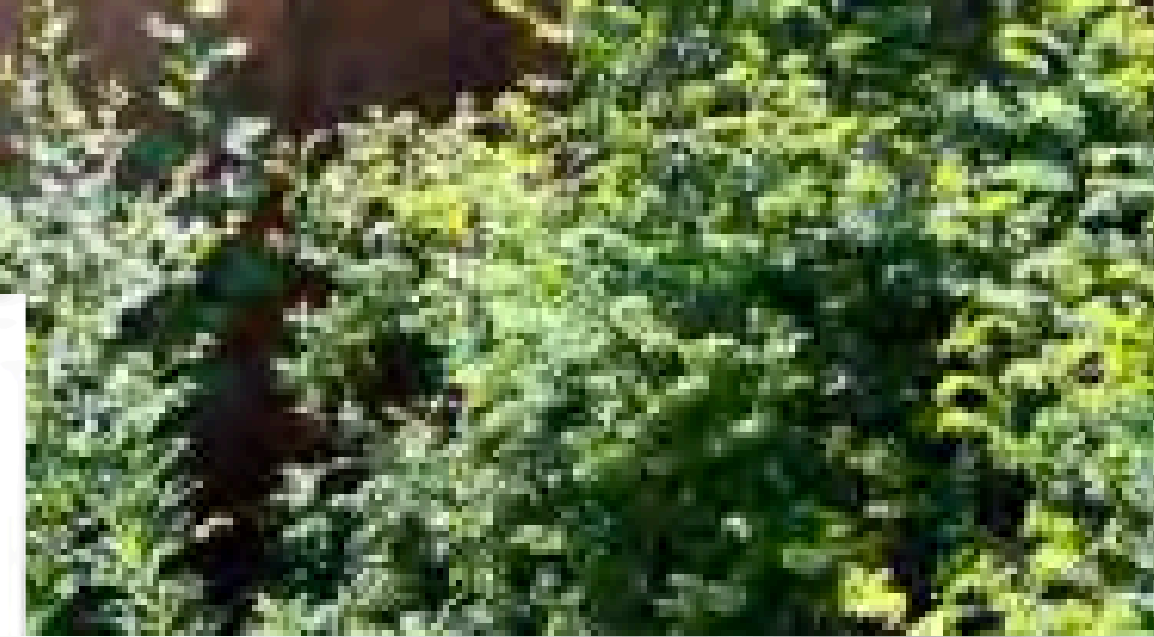
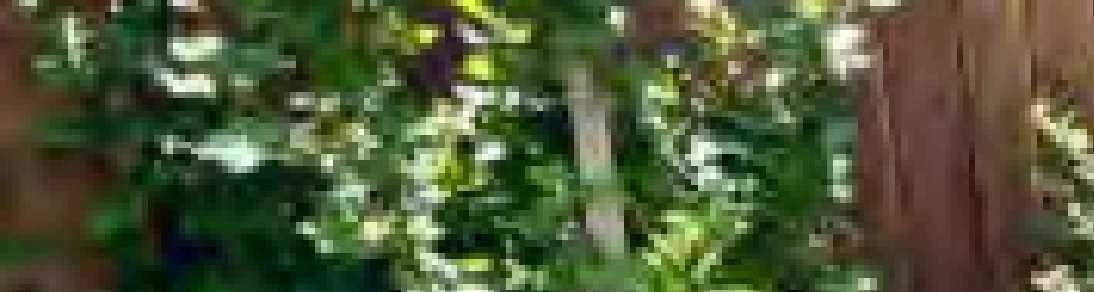
First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness





A woman with dark hair, wearing sunglasses and a light blue face mask pulled down to her chin, is smiling while watering a raised garden bed. She is holding a red garden hose with a green spray wand. The garden bed is filled with various green plants, including tall irises in the foreground and leafy plants with small white flowers in the background. The garden bed is made of dark, weathered metal. In the background, there is a wooden fence and a patio area with white plastic chairs and a table. A yellow circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**THERAPEUTIC  
GARDENING**









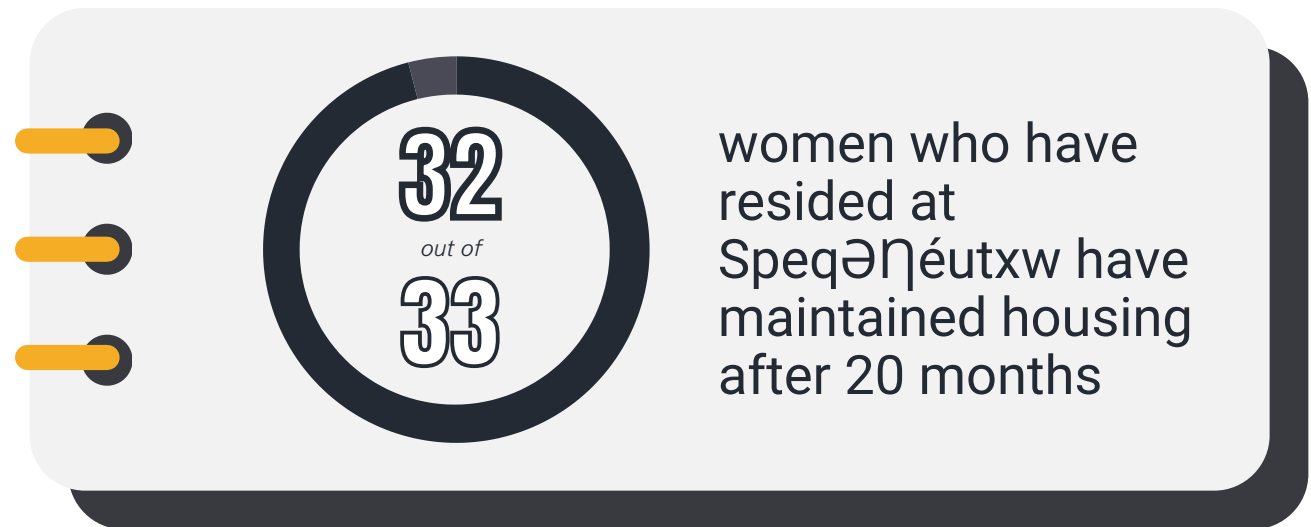
# **GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**



**JULIA O'QUINN**  
Equity Programming and Youth Research Manager

✉ MESSAGE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"I clearly remember the first time hearing you speak about Speqəŋéutxw... it was still 2 years away from opening at that time. Just as you always knew, and according to our data the Speqəŋéutxw model is very uniquely successful. While I realize that data is a small piece of the story, I want to share what I found..."



"I want you to know that this is very special and different from what we often see in larger supportive housing sites with different models of care."



LOIS GABITOUS  
Coordinated Access and  
Assessment Manager



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