# What we do?

* Provide a continuum of care
* Safety for family fleeing violence: Transitional/emergency housing
* Long term housing: more independent, still have access to staff support
* Provide professional counselling (specifically catered to women)

# Duration

Trans. House: ~30 day

2nd stage: 2 years

During this period, there is help for finding a home

# Volunteer

Fill more trivial need when paid staff don’t have the time to do (general)

Biggest job for volunteers: grocery shopping

More specialized volunteer:

* Gardener
* Corporate teams, help finding houses, new jobs, etc.

Corporate teams: 5-40 members per season

**Regular volunteer: 15-20**

Housing staffed: 24/7

**Paid staff: ~10**

# $5000

Funds are getting cut; means they must cut down on child support spending

$5000 would go into this and housing outreach

# Procedure

* Initial call: determine to approve the case or not, or they receive patients from hospitals that require help from domestic abuse
* If case is emergent the women and/or child are actively being hunted or stalked they’re provided with emergency housing which is confidential and is a small and safe distance away.
* If case isn’t emergent then they are provided with transitional housing which is about 2 years. Then they are moved to more stable housing
* Ensure a place in transitional home Home w/ clothes, foods, sanitary products. People usually brings minimal luggage with them.
* Provide counselling services
* After 2 years, moved to more stable houses which is provided by third parties not connected to Dixon

# Selling point

## Fleeing violent

No home/ hidden homeless

Usually has children, makes everything much harder

Sometimes referred to from hospitals after being victims of domestic abuse

## Some had to be turned down

Reasons: Not enough funding or housing for families

## Funding is Disappearing

United Way of Lower Mainland cut half of their funding towards Dixon Society and starting next year are cutting **ALL** their funds.

UWLW’s funding was mainly used for child support, so this area is declining and is almost shutting down

# Statistic

442 Clients were served

219 Women and children were housed

2155 people were turned away due to lack of space

1128 Counselling sessions