

For 34 years, WISH Drop-In Centre Society has been a safe women's-only space for street-based sex workers and an essential point of contact for frontline services.



## OUR MISSION

To improve the health, safety, and well-being of women who are involved in Vancouver's street-based sex trade.

## OUR VISION

The vision of WISH is that every woman should have access to opportunities to make free, healthy and positive choices.



**9000** meals served per month



**800** women seen by the MAP Van per month



**512** referrals made per month



**30** OD's attended per month



**20** clinic visits per month



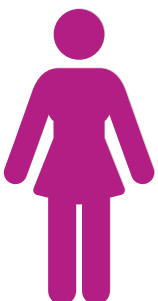
**73** staff



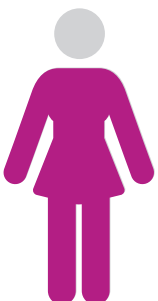
**110** active volunteers

**1200** street-based sex workers throughout Vancouver

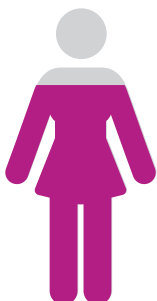
WISH serves **700-800** annually



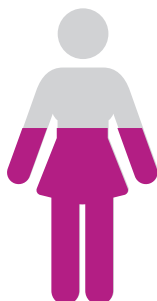
**100%**  
are low income



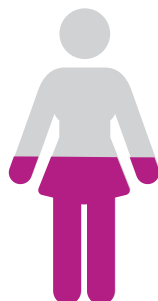
**90%**  
are living with mental health issues and/or addictions



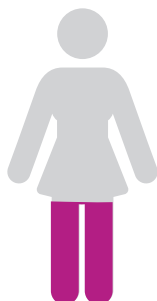
**80%**  
are homeless



**60%**  
are First Nations



**45%**  
are seniors



**25%**  
are LGBTQ



**20%**  
are Trans/Two Spirit



**10%**  
do not speak English



**10%**  
live with disabilities

## EVERY PARTICIPANT



**ENCOUNTERS:** discrimination, stigma, violence, & social exclusion.



**FACES HIGH BARRIER:** housing, rehab facilities, & employment opportunities.



**IS AFFECTED BY:** opioid crisis, anti-sex work laws, mental health issues & poverty.

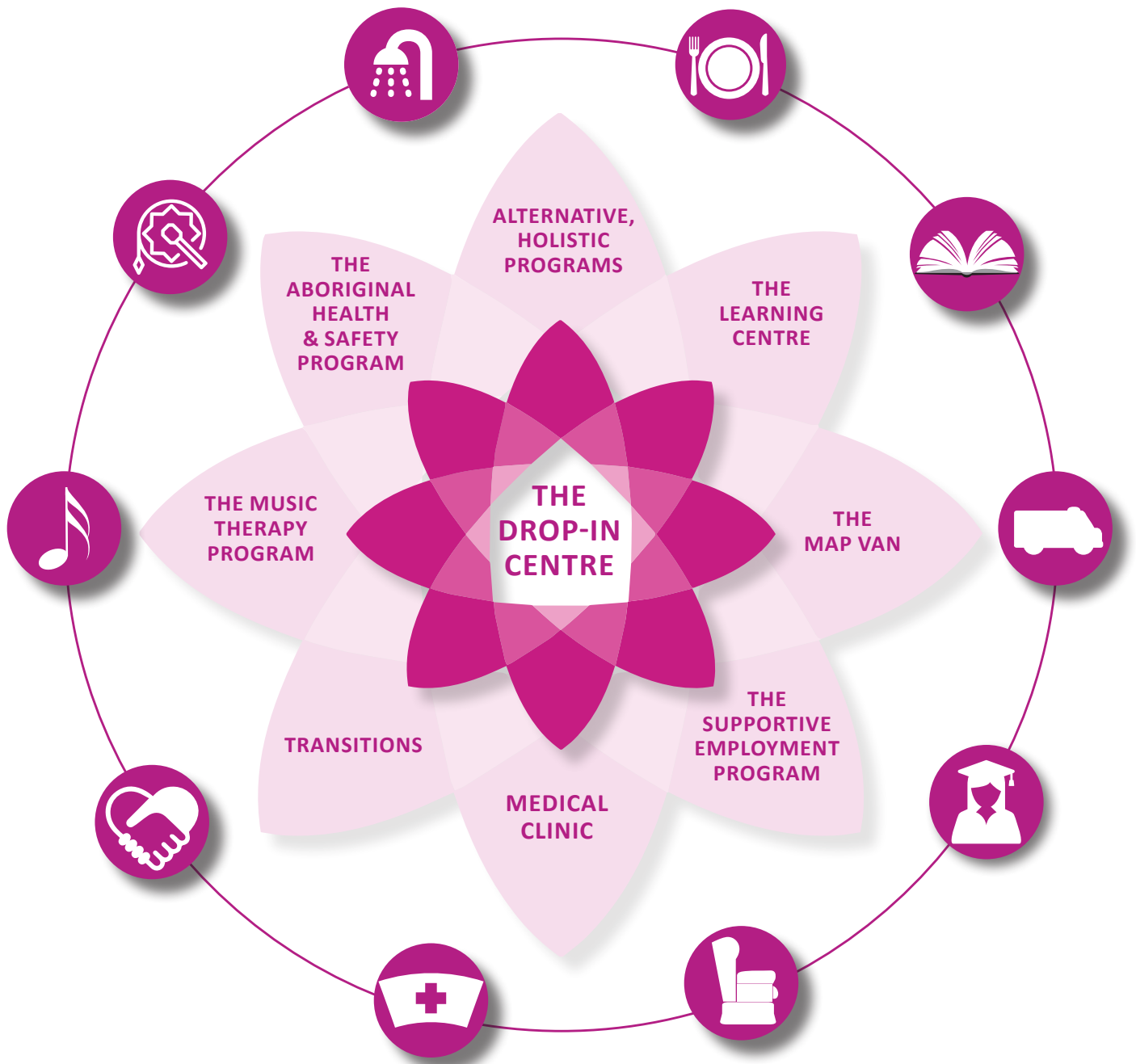


**IS 7X MORE LIKELY:** to die a violent death

## OUR IMPACT

With **ACCEPTANCE, CARING, DIGNITY & RESPECT** we support women in making **free, safe and positive choices** in an inclusive, non-judgmental environment.

# AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMMING



## AWARDS

2011

- Charity Intelligence Top Pick

2017

- BC Centre for Disease Control & Provincial Harm Reduction Program Award for contributing to the Reversal of 10,000 Overdoses
- Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Award

2008

- Above & Beyond Award

2005

- AccolAIDS Award

2012

- Solicitor General Award for Crime Prevention & Community Safety
- Charity Intelligence Top Pick

## YOUR ROLE

When you **invest in WISH**, you are investing in real, **positive change** in the lives of women, who sit at an **intersection of oppressions**. We cannot improve their lives without you.



## YOUR IMPACT AT WISH

### OUTREACH

\$1,000 = 30 women supported

### MUSIC THERAPY

\$2,000 = 10 music therapy sessions

### CULTURAL CARE

\$4,000 = 1 year of elder facilitators

### LITERACY

\$1,500 = one month of literacy opportunities

### EMPLOYMENT

\$3,000 = 3 women into mainstream employment

### STAFFING

\$5,000 = 35 hours of frontline staffing



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