

For over 35 years, WISH has been a safe space for street-based sex working women (cis and trans) and gender diverse folks, and an essential point of contact for frontline services.

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

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



240 OD prevention and response shifts/month



20 clinic visits per month



116 staff



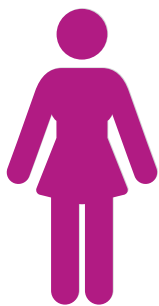
45 peer staff



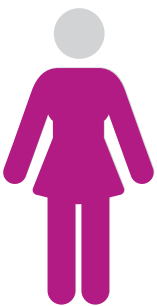
150 active volunteers

1200 street-based sex workers throughout Vancouver

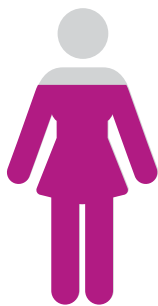
WISH serves **700-800** annually



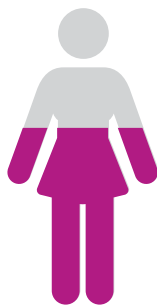
100%
are low income



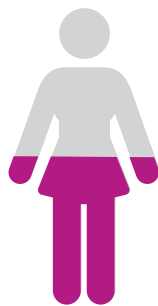
90%
are living with mental health and/or substance use issues



80%
are homeless or precariously housed



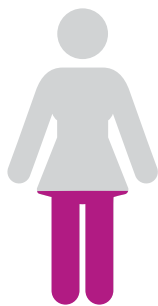
63%
live with disabilities



45%
are Indigenous



45%
are seniors



34%
are LGBTQIA2S+



10%
do not speak English



8%
are Black and other people of colour

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.

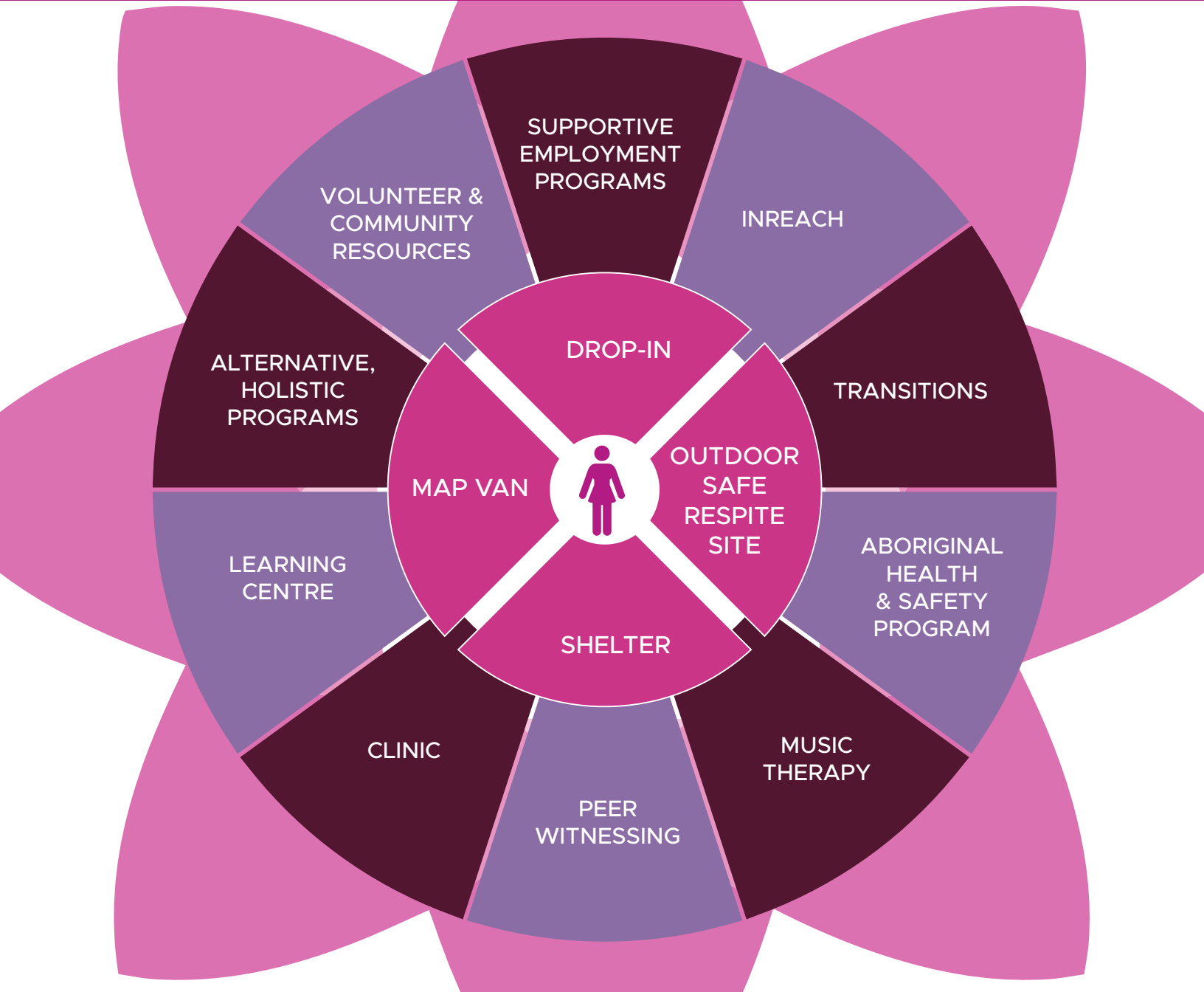


IS 7 TIMES MORE LIKELY: to face a violent death

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

2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WISH Executive Director, Mebrat Beyene, recipient of 2020 YWCA Women of Distinction award in the Non-Profit Category 	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solicitor General Award for Crime Prevention & Community Safety Charity Intelligence Top Pick
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charity Intelligence Top Pick 	2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above & Beyond Award 	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AccolAIDS Award

YOUR ROLE



YOUR IMPACT AT WISH

When you **invest** in **WISH**, you are investing in real, **positive change** in the lives of women.

OUTREACH

\$1,000 = 30 women supported

LITERACY

\$1,500 = one month of literacy opportunities

MUSIC THERAPY

\$2,000 = 10 music therapy sessions

EMPLOYMENT

\$3,000 = 3 women into mainstream employment

CULTURAL CARE

\$4,000 = 1 year of elder facilitators

STAFFING

\$5,000 = 35 hours of frontline staffing



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