

HIV COMMUNITY LINK

ANNUAL REPORT

2019 - 2020

OUR MISSION

Wellness for individuals and communities affected by HIV and hepatitis C through education, prevention, and support.

OUR VISION

Empowering choices. Engaging communities. Ending transmission.

HIV Community Link supports people living with or at risk of HIV and hepatitis C in Calgary and Southeastern Alberta. We provide nonjudgmental

and harm reduction-based counselling, case management, outreach and educational services, which empower people with the tools, knowledge and support they need to promote wellness for themselves and their communities.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CALGARY

- HIV Support Services
- HIV Peer Support
- HEAT (Gay, Bi, MSM)
- Drumbeat (African, Caribbean and Black communities)
- Strong Voices (Indigenous communities)
- Shift (People involved in sex work)
- Capacity Building
- Harm Reduction Supply Distribution

SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA

- Safelink (People who use substances)
- Medicine Hat Peer Support
- Overdose Prevention
- Well (People who are pregnant and at high risk)
- Brooks Program (HIV prevention)
- Harm Reduction Supply Distribution and Pickup

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

1,046 registered clients, who we met with **12,129** times

Basic needs supports provided:

2,274

Referrals to external community services and resources:

1,230

Events and activities for registered clients:

170

Opportunities for meaningful involvement for people living with HIV/AIDS (including Friday lunch cooks, speakers and the peer advisory committee):

124

Outreach sessions:

1,012



Education sessions and workshops for service providers:

349

Outreach and education contacts:

13,459

Harm reduction supplies distributed:

202,850



Naloxone kits

2,378

Safer sex supplies distributed:

285,873

Overdose reversals reported:

132

HIV testing clinics: **67** clinics with **331** contacts

TOP NEEDS ADDRESSED FOR OUR CLIENTS

HIV SUPPORT SERVICE CALGARY

Basic Needs Supports

35%

Social Isolation & Mental Health Supports

27%

Financial & Income Supports

25%

SHIFT

Basic Needs Supports

23%

Social Isolation & Mental Health Supports

22%

Financial & Income Supports

21%

SUPPORT SERVICE MEDICINE HAT

Basic Needs Supports

24%

Substance Use Supports

34%

Physical Health Supports

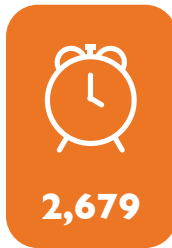
23%

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Volunteers:



Volunteer hours:



EVENTS

Splash of Red:

\$65,229.50



AIDS Walk & Run:

\$46,244.13



Other events:



OUR STORIES

MONICA

Calgary HIV Peer Navigator and a volunteer for 19 years

“You can still live a normal life. With the medication that’s out there nowadays, we are living longer. But I know how I felt when I was diagnosed with HIV, that part of it people need to see - that they are not alone. For the longest time I thought I was the only person on this earth that had it until I came to the agency”.

CLIENT

Shift Client and sex work advocate

“I understand that I come from a place of privilege to be able to say that sex work has been empowering to me. It is not the case for a lot of people. I was

able to come out from a really dark place because of my time in sex work. I was struggling with a lot of addiction issues. (...) There is still a lot of stigma surrounding this industry. It can be really isolating. I have been accessing Shift services from the first time I started in the sex industry. I appreciate that you exist in the community.”

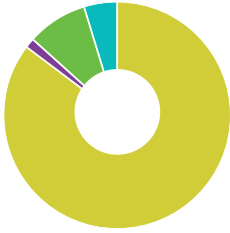
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Safelink Client

“It was the most difficult time in my life. I had no one to help me, and nothing to my name. I thought there was no hope, nobody that cared. Until I found [Safelink], and it was the only place I’ve had that felt like home in a very long time. The people there made me

feel like I not only belonged there but made me feel like I was truly part of something. I never felt judged for the things I was forced to do to survive, and they always asked me how I was doing, and I never once doubted that they were genuine. Without the amazing team at [Safelink] I would not have had the courage to reach out and ask for help, I never would have known that there was any help for me. If not for them I would still be on the street, with nowhere to go, and no one that cared about me, and I am so glad I don’t live in that world anymore, and thanks to them I hope I never will again. I could never thank them enough for being there for me when no one else was.”

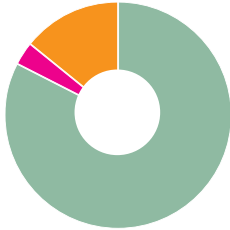
ANNUAL REPORT FIGURES



TOTAL REVENUE

Government Funding | **85.36%**
 Grants and Foundations | **1.51%**
 Fundraising | **8.43%**
 Other | **4.70%**

TOTAL:
\$2,656,483



TOTAL EXPENSES

Service and Delivery | **82.73%**
 Fundraising | **3.37%**
 Administration | **13.90%**

TOTAL:
\$2,597,743

FUNDERS



Alberta Community HIV Fund
 Alberta Community and Social Supports
 Alberta Health
 The Calgary Foundation
 The City of Calgary,
 Family and Community Support Services

Government of Canada –
 Canada Summer Jobs
 Public Health Agency of Canada
 The Canada Women's Foundation
 The Nickle Family Foundation

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