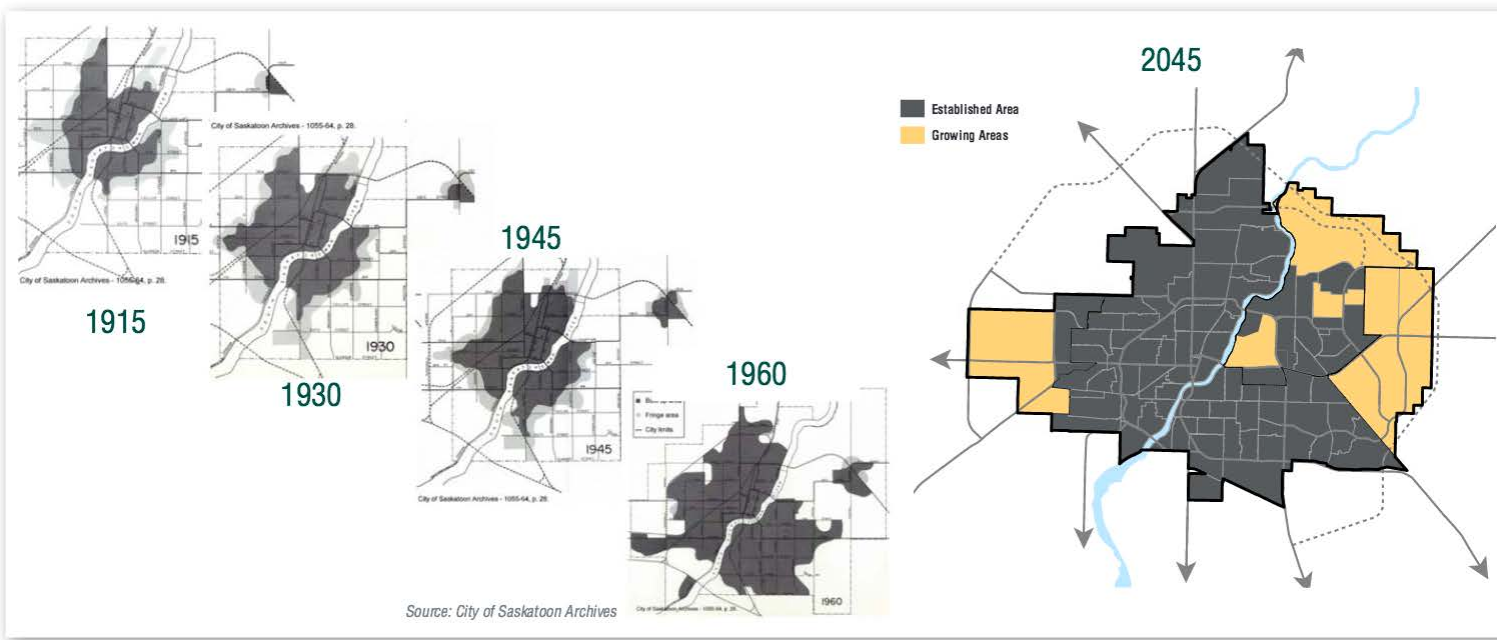


AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS: PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, INTERSECTORAL SOLUTIONS

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Researchers count 450 without permanent homes in Saskatoon

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10% of Saskatoon's homeless population are children


By Wendy Winiewski
Anchor, Global News

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After a one-day count conducted by volunteers, local organizations have a better understanding of homelessness in Saskatoon.

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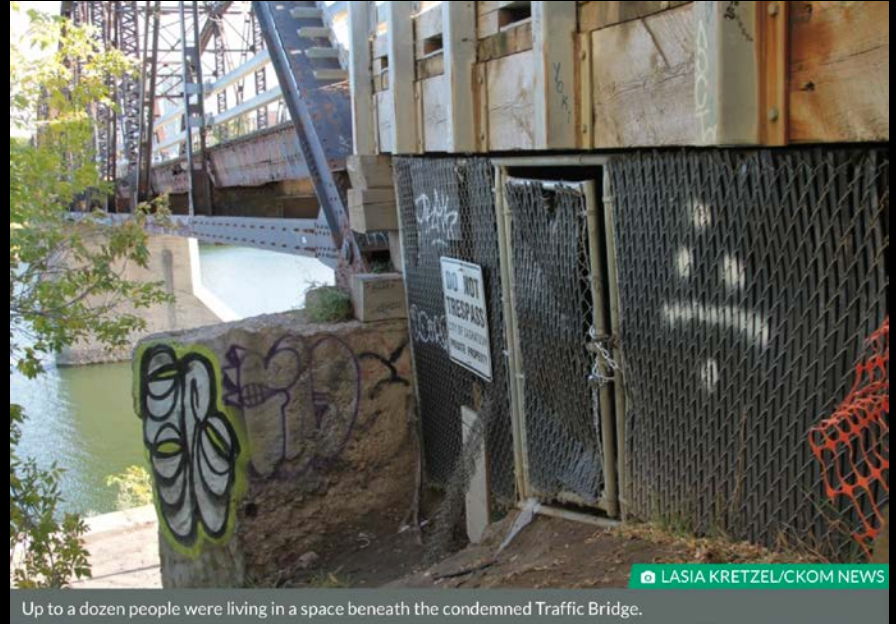
Tension rises over homeless camp in Saskatoon



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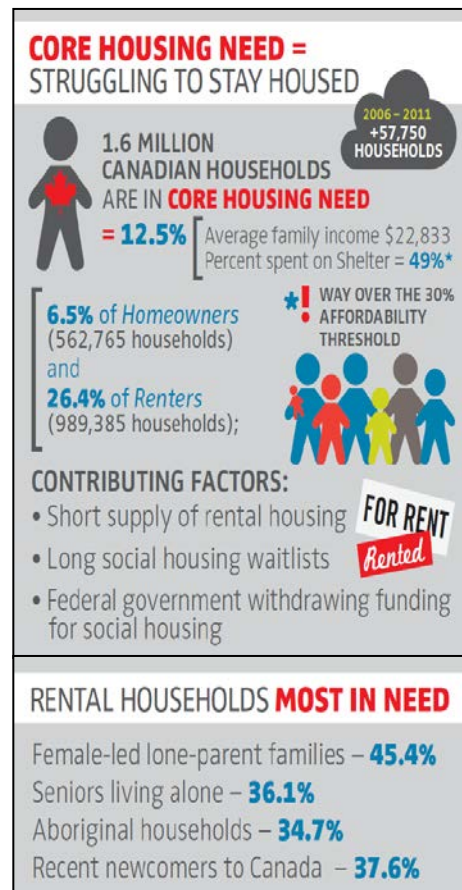
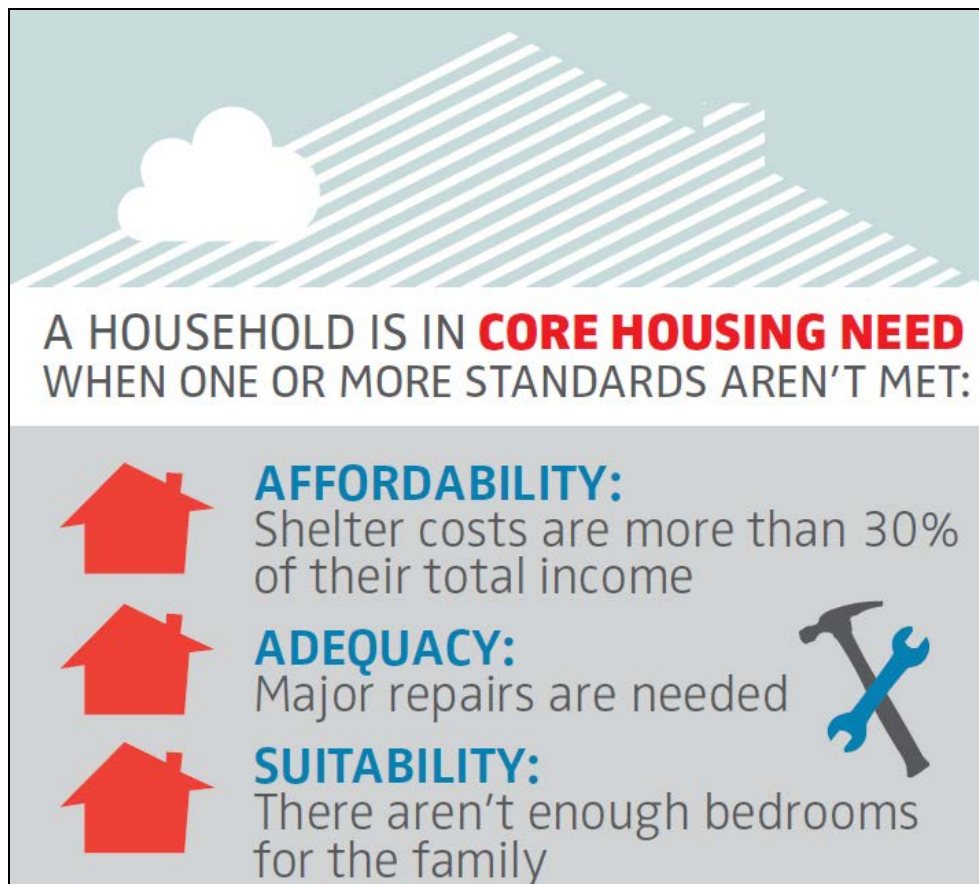
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Up to a dozen people were living in a space beneath the condemned Traffic Bridge.



Housing and health effects

Physiological

- Temperature
- Contaminants (e.g. radon, carbon monoxide)
- Noise
- Light

Psychological

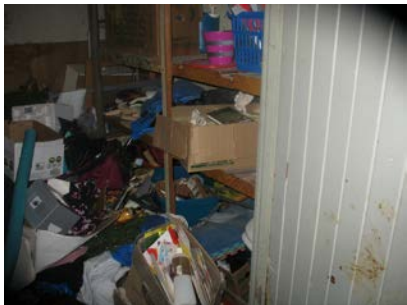
- Privacy
- Sense of security
- Family and community life

Communicable disease

- Water quality
- Food storage
- Crowding
- Toilet and sewage facilities
- Pests

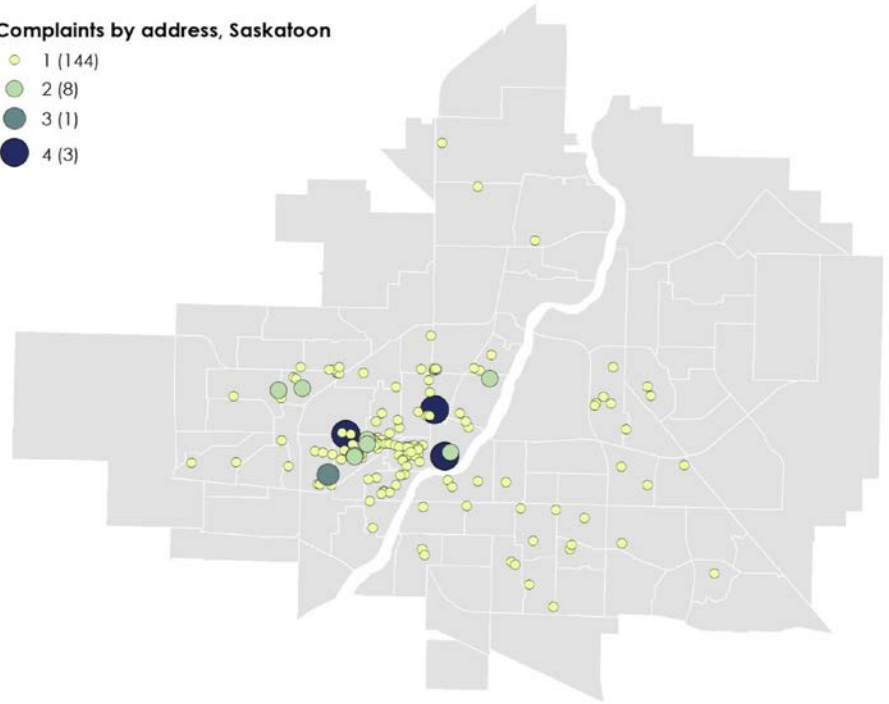
Injuries

- Fire (prevention and escape)
- Electrical hazards
- Falls

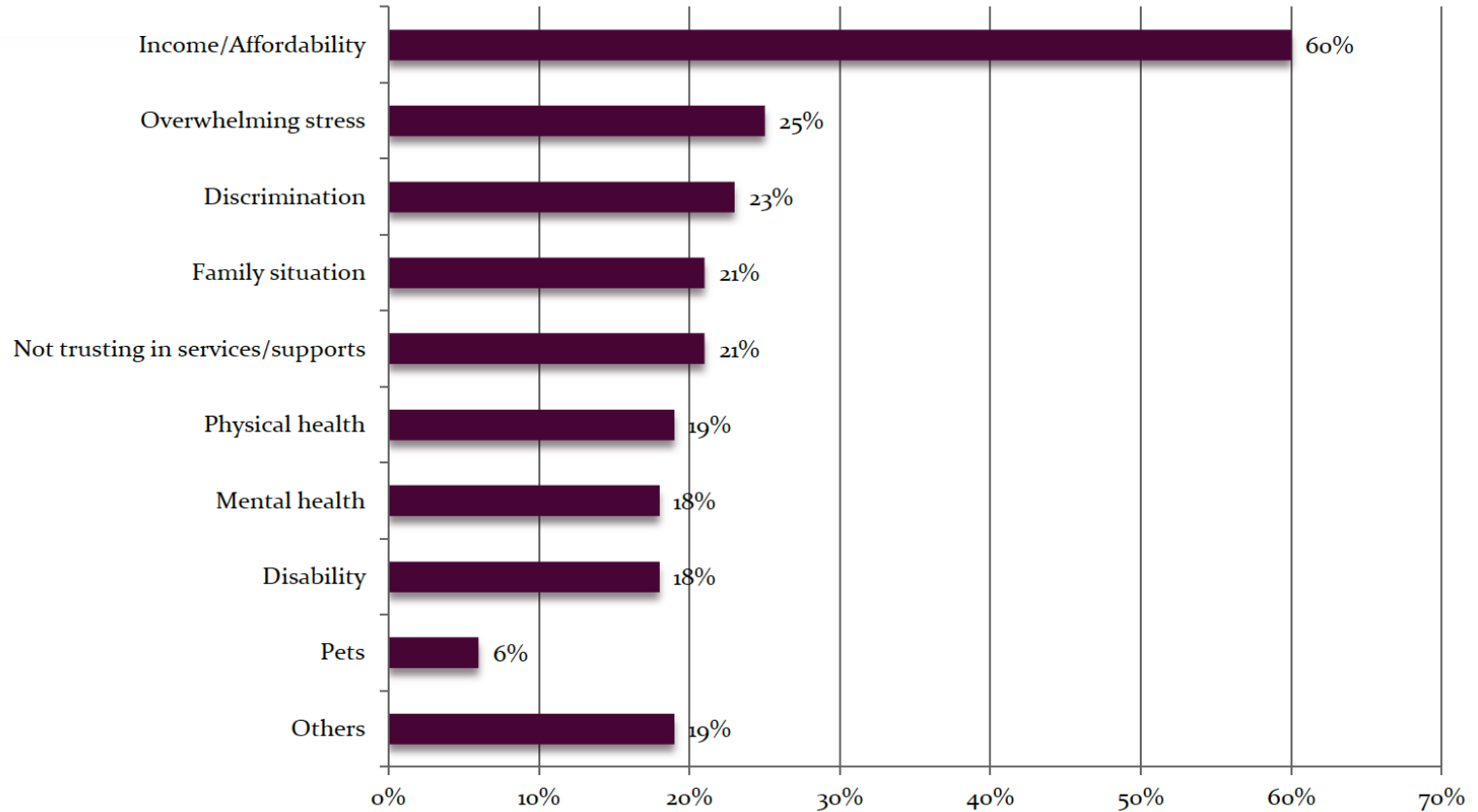


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Problems cited in finding housing
(Saskatoon Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals and Families 2015)



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Population and Public Health

Building Health Equity

- Population & Public Health
- Our Neighbourhood Health Centre
- Building Health Equity Program

The Building Health Equity program was formed in 2007 to address health equity issues within the core-neighbourhoods of Saskatoon. We provide services which include:

- Child Health Clinic Services,
- Postnatal home visits,
- Breastfeeding supports,
- Housing issues,
- and we partner with various agencies and schools in the area.

We have an interdisciplinary team made up of:

- Public Health Nurses,
- Community Program Builders,
- a Public Health Inspector,
- Program Manager,
- Office Administrative Assistant and a
- Community Dietitian.

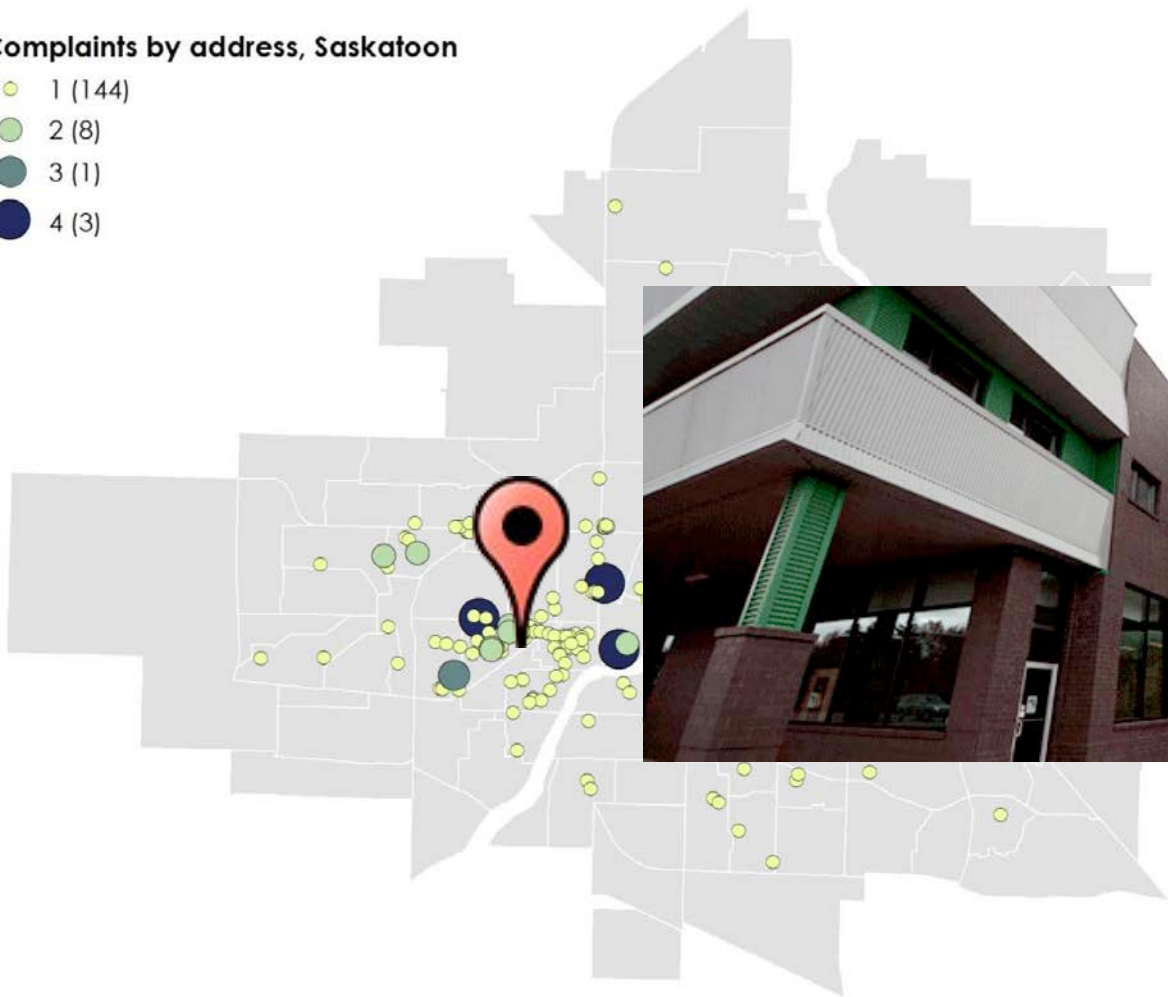
Co-locators at Station 20

- Boxcar Café
- Building Health Equity
- CHEP Good Food Inc.
- KidsFirst Program
- Quint Development Corporation
- Saskatoon Mothers' Centre
- University of Saskatchewan Community Outreach and Engagement Office



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SASKATOON
HOUSING
INITIATIVES
PARTNERSHIP

- ⊙ Affinity Credit Union
- ⊙ Affordable New Home Development Foundation
- ⊙ Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- ⊙ City of Saskatoon
- ⊙ Habitat for Humanity
- ⊙ Innovative Residential
- ⊙ Provincial Metis Housing Corporation
- ⊙ Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association
- ⊙ **Saskatoon Health Region**
- ⊙ Saskatoon Housing Authority
- ⊙ Saskatoon Housing Coalition
- ⊙ Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
- ⊙ Saskatoon Tribal Council

 **WHEN PEOPLE
HAVE A HOME**

They spend **less time** in



hospitals,
police
custody
& shelters

10 people + 10 homes
6 months

SAVED
\$668,000



Housing First
Think about it.


upstream

Housing First is an initiative led by the United Way Saskatoon and area. Data provided by the United Way.

	Before Housing First:	After Housing First:
Hospital Visits	317 visits	37 visits
Ambulance	263 rides	24 rides
Hospitalization	110 days	37 days
Contact with Saskatoon Police	60 call outs	19 call outs
Police Detention for Intoxication	108 days	1 day

“The cause of homelessness
is lack of housing. poor people can
afford.” – Jonathan Kozol

*(Rachel and Jonathan Kozol
Homeless Families in America)
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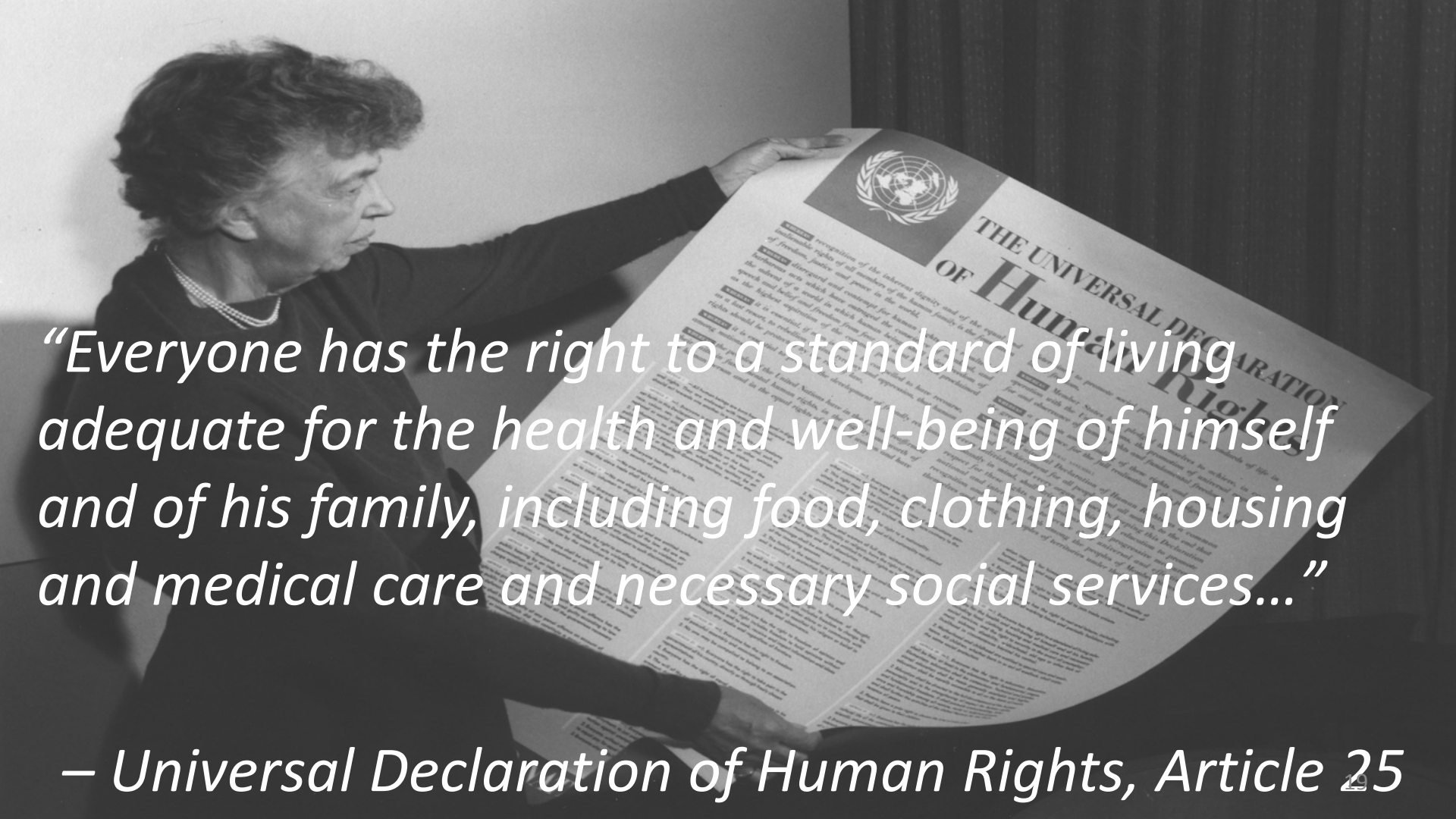
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RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR A PROVINCIAL POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY





“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services...”

– Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 25

Summit theme: Moving beyond health sector solutions

We are facing a new era of health challenges that can't be solved one person, one sector, or one intervention at a time. We need to move beyond the rhetoric of calls for intersectoral action to answer the question:

How can we optimally align and combine interventions from public health and other sectors to improve population health, and what role should the health sector play in intersectoral action?