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Transition House Report (2009-2010)

New Brunswick has 13 Transition Houses for women, with or without children, fleeing relationship violence. The goals of Transition Houses are to:

- provide shelter and crisis intervention for women, with or without children, who are victims of relationship violence and abuse
- inform the public and promote awareness of the mandate and objectives of transition house.

Services include:

- temporary lodging
- crisis line 24 hours a day
- referrals in the following areas: security/safety, legal, financial, mental/physical health, housing and knowledge on violence.

Interesting Facts for 2009-2010

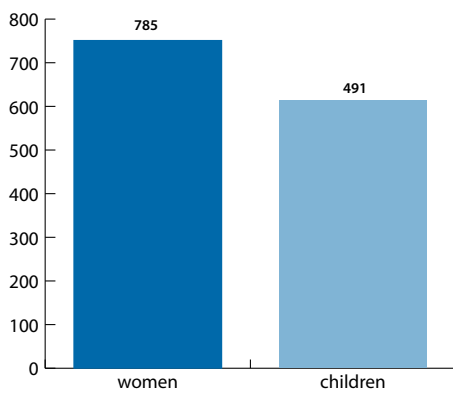
- ✓ In 2009-2010, a total of 785 women and 491 children sought refuge at one of the 13 Transition Houses.
- ✓ An estimated 37% of the women using transition house services were on income assistance, while approximately 19% worked full time or part-time.
- ✓ The majority of women using transition house services are non-aboriginal New Brunswickers. Approximately half the women come from an urban community (52%) and approximately 41% come from a rural community.
- ✓ The majority of women who access transition house services are between 21-45 years of age (approximately 66%).
- ✓ Most children benefitting from transition house residential services are under 10 years of age (approx. 81%). An estimated 54% were under 5 years of age and approximately 15% were between the ages of 11-15.
- ✓ The majority of women (approx. 84%) are at the transition house because they have experienced abuse at the hands of their current or ex-partner.
- ✓ Of the women counted in residence at the transition houses over the course of 2009-2010, an estimated 87% reported being emotionally or psychologically abused; while approx. 51% of women reported being physically abused.
- ✓ Of all women who accessed residential services at the transition house, an estimated 56% reported experiencing abuse in a previous relationship and an estimated 54% reported experiencing violence as a child.
- ✓ For approximately 37% of women it was their first separation from an abusive partner and the second for approx. 24%.
- ✓ For approximately 47% the women residents, it was their first time at the transition house, an estimated 24% were there for the second time and approximately 27% have been to a transition 3 times or more.
- ✓ The most common length of stay is two weeks (approximately 41%). Approximately, 37% of women stayed for 4 weeks and more.

- ✓ Although an estimated 19% of women were able to return to their home because their partner left, many need to find new accommodations. Some get their own housing (approximately 32%) while an estimated 20% stayed with relatives and friends.
- ✓ Most women are referred to a variety of services. The most common referrals include:
 - Social Services – approx. 27%
 - Income Support- approx. 36%
 - Public/Subsidized Housing- approx.27%

Note: All Transition Houses provide monthly statistics to the Department of Social Development electronically. This information is compiled and analyzed by the Department of Social Development.

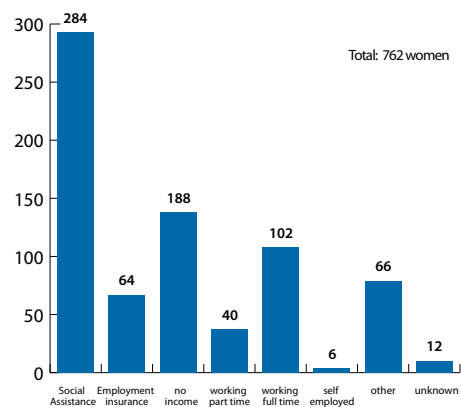
Transition House numbers as reported by the 13 Transition Houses in 2009-2010

Number of women and children



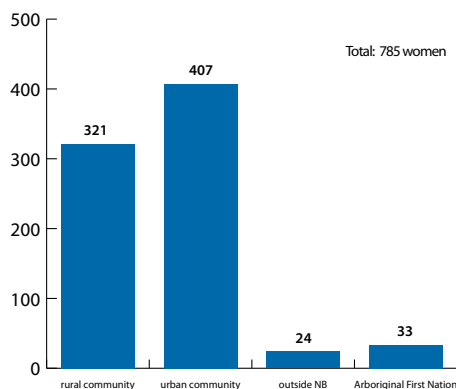
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Number of women per primary source of income



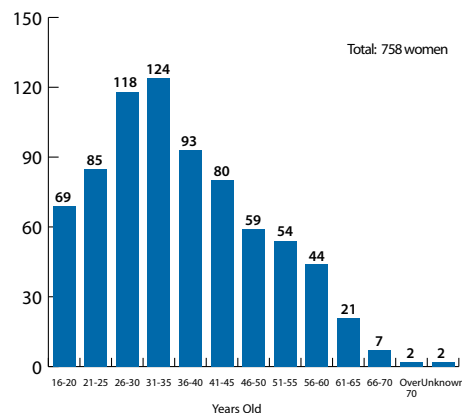
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Number of women per background



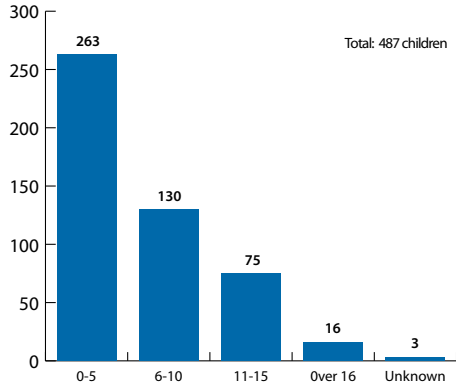
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Number of women per age group



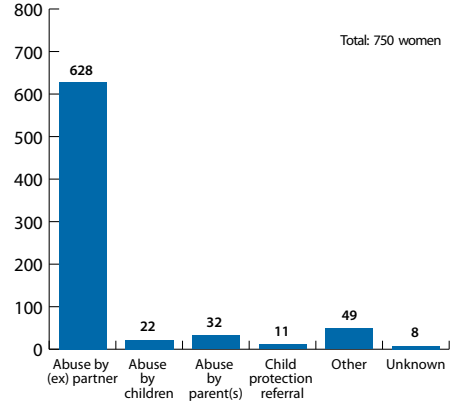
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Number of children per age group



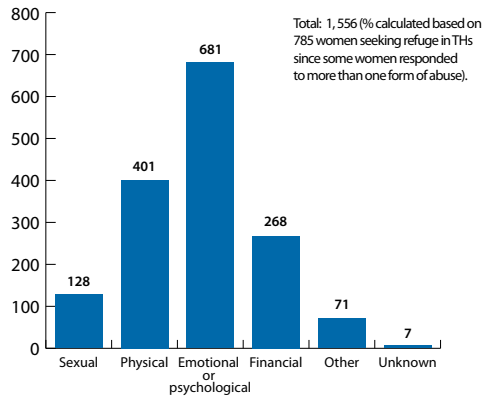
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Number of women who were sheltered because of



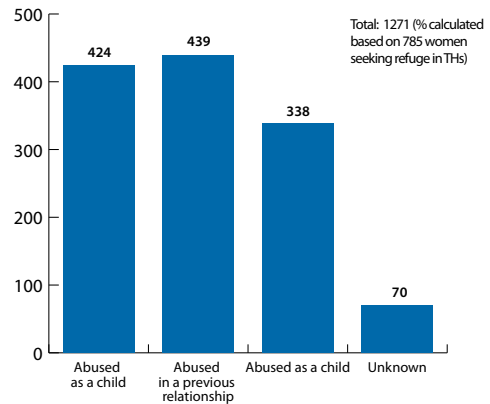
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Number of women by type of abuse



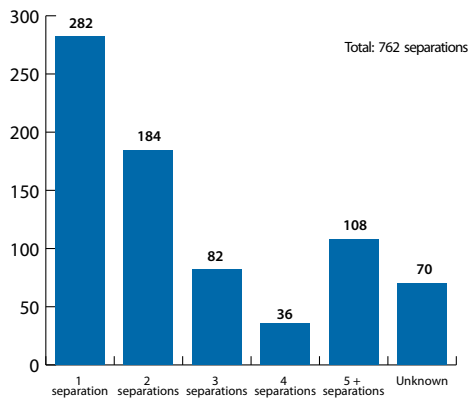
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Number of women abuse history



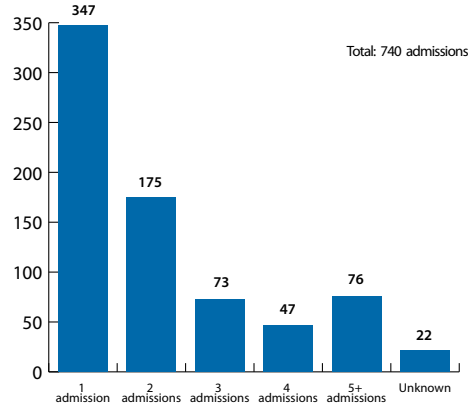
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Number of separations



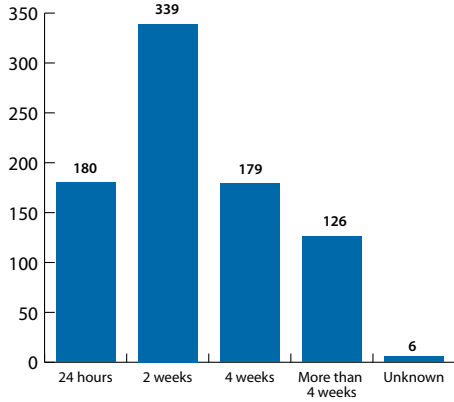
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Number of admissions to any shelter



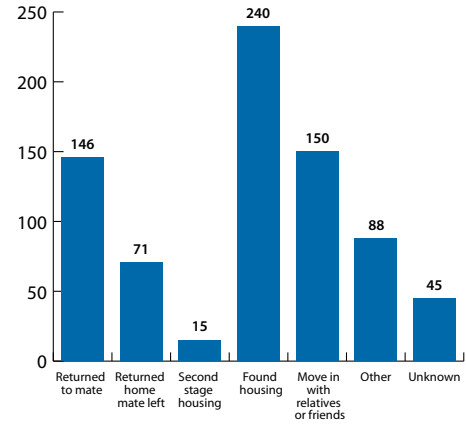
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Number of women by length of stay



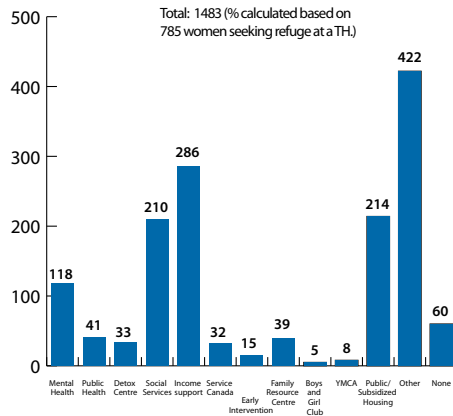
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Destinations when leaving



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Number of Referrals



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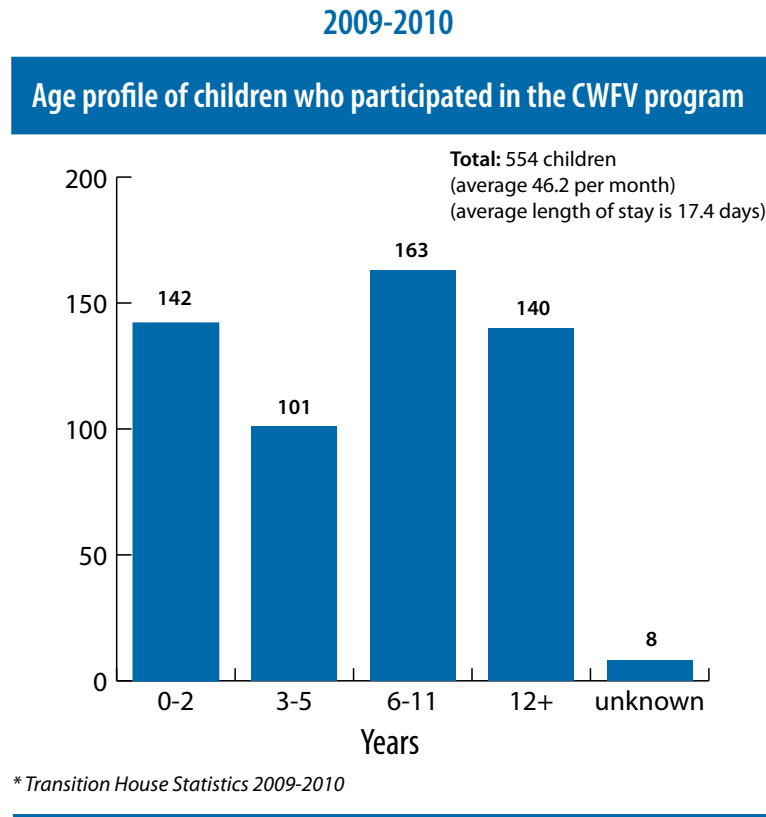
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Most of the percentages calculated are based on what was reported per questions.

Child Witnesses of Family Violence (CWFV) Program

All 13 of the provinces' transition houses receive funding from Social Development to hire a child support worker to provide crisis intervention through a number of play-based strategies. If the length of stay allows, psycho-educational interventions are also provided to the children. The program ensures that the needs of the children are not overlooked at the time of family crisis and disruption.

The long term-goal of this program is to prevent the intergenerational cycle of family violence. The short term objectives include providing a safe, supportive environment for children who accompany their mothers to transition homes and supporting mothers in their parenting role. Referrals and linkages to other agencies and professionals are made as appropriate.



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