

It Was Scary.

Trigger Warning

Interviewer: [REDACTED]

Interviewee: [REDACTED]

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Could you tell me about your first experience accessing any of the homelessness systems?

When I was 21.

It was scary.

Never been in a shelter before.

Did you ever find yourself evicted or banned from the [REDACTED] shelter?

Suicidal thoughts.

So, you make an attempt. And then you get punished?

Shitty. It's a cry for help.

Have you tried to commit suicide since you have lived in this housing?

No

I'm so glad to hear that.

Thank you very much.

Do you think that being housed is what makes the difference?

Yea.

Just having a safe place to be?

Yea.

What housing program are you with?

Housing [REDACTED]

But I never was on drugs before

So, you didn't have a substance problem, and you access services you have a substance problem now?

Yea.

DEMOGRAPHICS

| [REDACTED]
- Cis-woman

| [REDACTED]
- *Two-spirit*