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**Interviewer:** [REDACTED]

**Interviewee:** [REDACTED]

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**Run Time: 33:18**

When I was younger, like 17 or something,  
one of my friends over there took me over to the [REDACTED] Centre.  
Got a list of all the different places available and stuff.

I didn't know about any of that.

*Did you find (housing)?*

No, I stayed with a friend for a little bit and then ended up back at my parents' house.

I moved out again when I was 18

probably about 2 years ago now.

I was in jail for a little bit.

[REDACTED]

[5 minutes]

*Did you have to do any assessments to figure out what you were eligible for?*

It wasn't like super invasive but, like, kind of.

You're not allowed to have people over. I don't really like the whole get up at 6:30 thing.

They search your bags every time that you come in and out.

I understand it, but it's a little invasive.

I didn't end up getting housing with them. It was a really long list.

Stuff like that was a little bit ridiculous, I think.

*What's it like to work with them and to try to use their services?*

They seem like they were really helpful, they just seem like they have a lot on their plates.

I feel like they look at everybody the same, almost.

Like, some people actually do just want housing, you know what I mean?

You definitely can't get clean and fix yourself living like this.

[10 minutes]

*Have you ever used the shelters here?*

Yeah, I stayed at the [REDACTED] in the winter.

V wasn't down here.

And then we stayed at the overflow a couple of weeks ago.

If you go there as a couple, then they let you stay there.

We have a tent; it's just we're not allowed to have them up in the day.

*So, you set it up every night?*

Pretty much, yeah.

It was really cold.

[15 minutes]

*When you went to jail, how did your relationship with [REDACTED] end?*

I just kind of lost touch with them.

*Did you ever hear from them?*

Well, I haven't had a phone again.

I had a phone and then I didn't.

People lose them or they get stolen.

[20 minutes]

When you're trying to live outside, it doesn't really leave a lot of time to try to find housing.

Every time you go anywhere you have to take everything with you.

or [have] people watch your stuff and then having a bunch of shit go missing.

It's just stupid stuff like that every day.

You can't really trust many people, unfortunately.

*What do you think the solution to that is?*

I just heard the other day there's a storage area.

If you get a hold of this person, they can put some stuff in storage there for you.

I actually just heard about that yesterday or the day before.

It's just talking to people.

Yeah, that's mainly how I found out about stuff.

[REDACTED] 25 minutes [REDACTED]

*Are you mostly searching for housing in the private market? Or how are you looking for housing now?*

In the wintertime I was going to the library all the time.

I was going on Kijiji.

Mainly the higher end, more expensive ones.

Even just for a room sometimes it's 800 bucks.

But the first place, we were literally just driving around and saw the sign in the window.

A lot of it's who you know too.

[REDACTED] 30 minutes [REDACTED]

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

- Age 27
- Cis-woman
- White
- Straight/Heterosexual

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