

# The Second Chance

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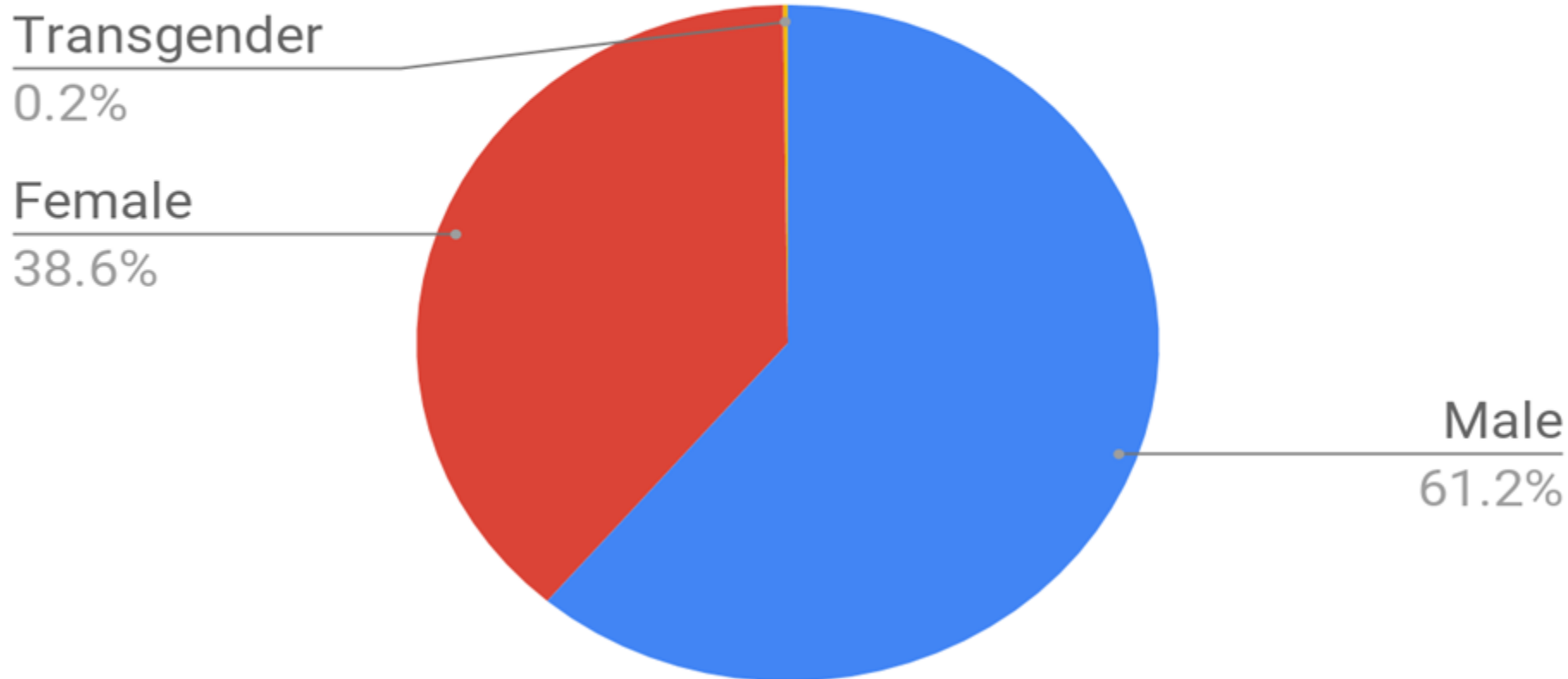
# Causes for Homelessness

- 3,992 adults and 3,928 children suffered from **domestic violence** (Homeless Annual Report 2017)
- In 2017, 434 of 910 surveyed were afflicted by **serious mental illness**, the rest by **substance abuse** (Maricopa Association of Governments)
- In 2017, the **eviction** rate for Phoenix residents spiked 5.9% (azcentral)
- “65% of **sexual assault** victims in community court were women while 21% were men” - Aaron Raine, Mesa Police Department Detective

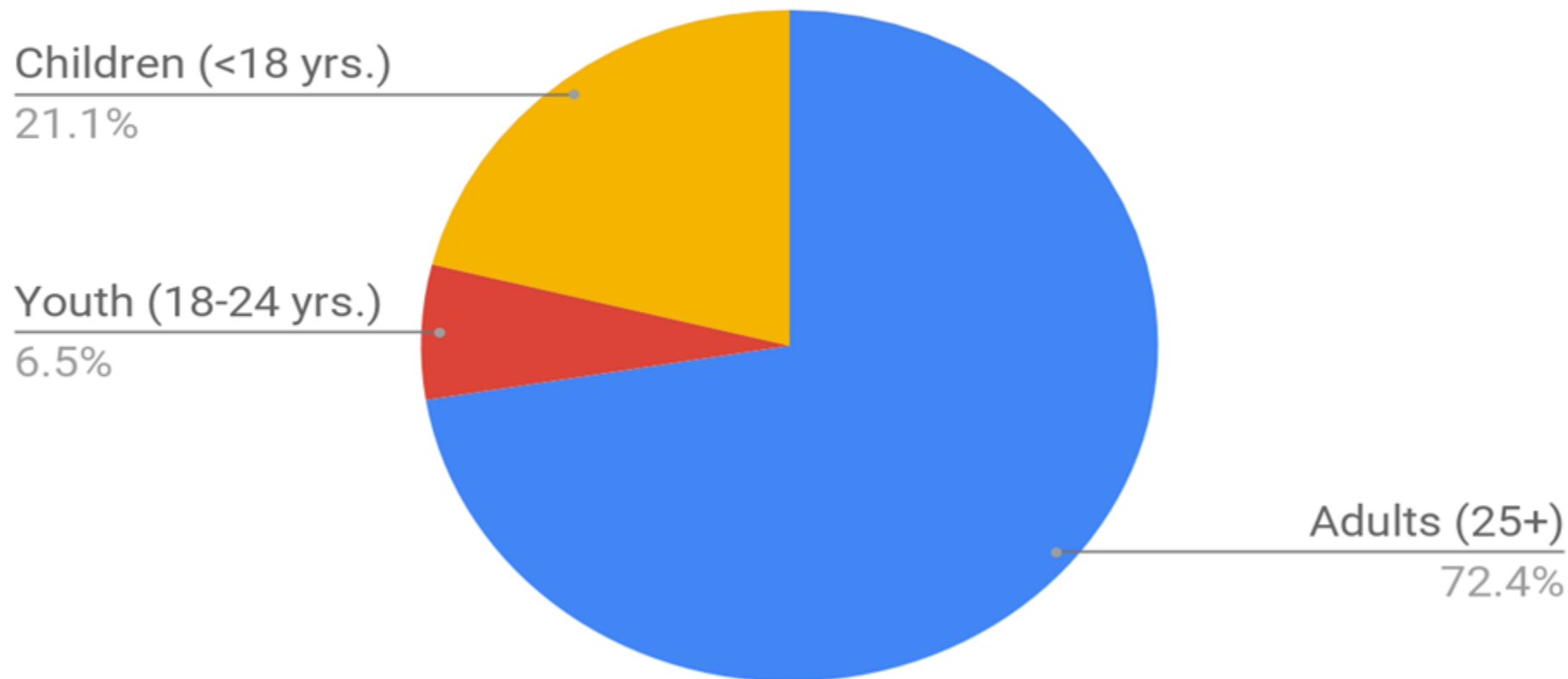


# Demographics

## Homeless Population by Gender (Maricopa Association of Governments)



# Homeless Population by Age (Maricopa Association of Governments)



# Current Interventions

# Methods already in place . . .

- Community Courts (Aaron Raine)
  - Connects homeless to resources to find stability
    - 119 homeless helped
  - Designed to forgive and go forward
- This along with many other countless third parties help greatly the homeless

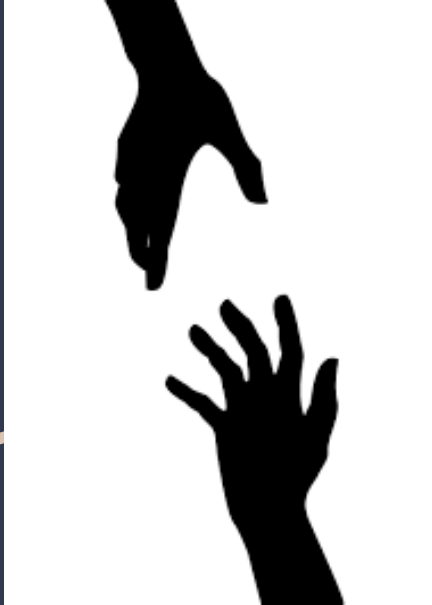
\$4,500,000 being spent on  
homeless, but...

Unsheltered homeless rate  
grown 200% in last 2 years.



# Navigators -

case managers that connect the homeless with community resources



- **5 total** navigators in the City of Mesa
  - **1** located at the Mesa Public Library
  - **2** at the Community Court
  - **2** at Paz de Cristo

Information taken from Aaron Raine & the Reducing Homelessness Action Plan of Mesa, AZ

Our Solution: Beds  
for Heads

# Reasons for picking this lot

- Near nonprofit organizations and churches
- Spread awareness and get aid (possible partnerships)
- City owned



# Solution: 4 story building



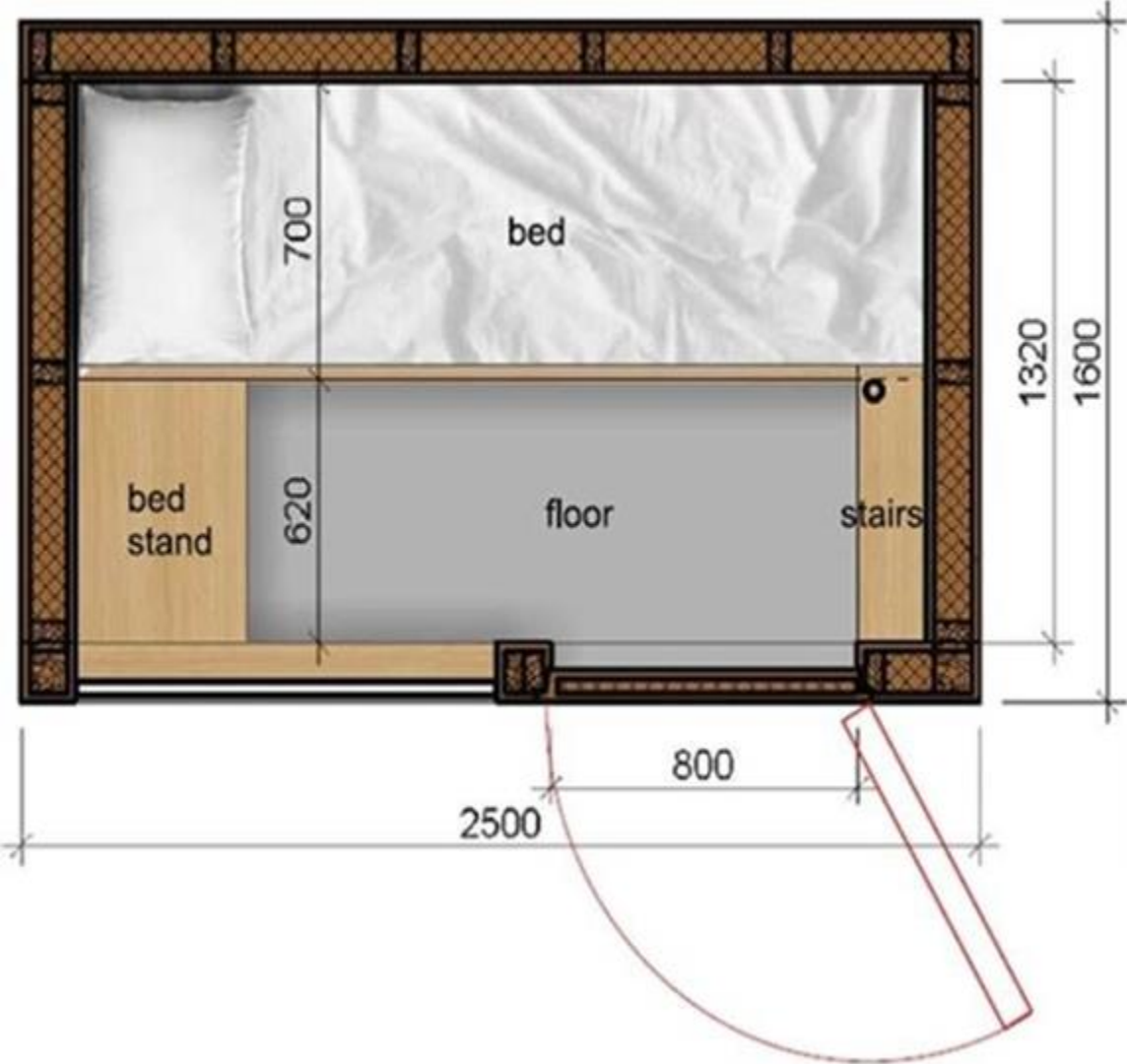
- First 2 stories: Rooms & Offices for Transitional Services
  - **Job Training**
  - Additional Education
  - Trauma Informed Care Counseling-  
Dr. Alesha Durfee(ASU)



- Second 2 stories:  
Transitional Housing
  - **Capsule** sleeping arrangement
  - Showers
  - **Storage** for personal belongings

“They won’t even let you leave your blanket. They let you leave your bag but not your blanket but how am I supposed to go to a job interview or see about a job with a blanket?”-  
Interview 7









With this proposition as our optimal solution, we conclude our presentation on the homeless crisis in Mesa. Thank you all for your time.