

Volunteer

Alpha House offers a variety of volunteer opportunities across all of our programs. We welcome community volunteers, corporate volunteer groups, and practicum students.

Donate

Alpha House accepts a variety of in-kind donation items. Our seasonal wishlists are updated regularly and are available on our website. We welcome monetary donations of all sizes, and would love to be featured in your next fundraiser! Please visit our website to download our fundraising kit!



Advocate

Alpha House offers educational opportunities through our Engaging Vulnerable Persons (EVP) workshops. The EVP offers insight into philosophies of care practiced by Alpha House including Housing First, Trauma Informed Care, and Harm Reduction.

The workshop explores factors that lead to homelessness and addiction, the stigma associated with homelessness and addiction, how and when to navigate interactions with our unhoused neighbours, and free resources available to community and when to use them.

If you are interested in receiving more information about any of the above opportunities please reach out to us at:

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Calgary Alpha House Society



SHELTER • DETOX • OUTREACH • HOUSING



Our Agency

Calgary Alpha House Society was established in 1981 as a committed response to marginalized individuals experiencing alcohol and other substance addictions, and living vulnerable on the streets of Calgary.

Alpha House has a long history of innovating and evolving to meet the changing needs of its clients, the city, and the increasing complexities of homelessness and substance use. Following a continuum of care model with Harm Reduction and Housing First principles at its core, Alpha House provides a range of services to support individuals in improving their circumstances and leading healthier lives.

Alpha House has been a part of the Calgary community for over 40 years, and in that time has become a recognized leader in the homeless-serving sector.

Our Work

Alpha House strives to provide safe and caring environments for individuals whose lives are affected by alcohol and other drug dependencies.

Our work positively impacts the Calgary community by providing support to vulnerable citizens and diverting them away from unnecessary usage of health care, criminal justice, and emergency systems. Through building relationships and connecting clients to more appropriate resources, we strive to meet clients where they're at and support them in improving their circumstances.

Our Programs

Alpha House's services collectively constitute a continuum of care, which clients can enter or exit at any point based on their needs. We operate shelter, detox, housing, and outreach programs.

Shelter

Alpha House's Shelter provides short-term, crisis oriented emergency accommodation for individuals under the influence of alcohol or other substances.

Our 24/7 Emergency Shelter is co-located in our main building with our Detox and Recovery Bed programs. Individuals can present to 203 15th Ave SE at any time for access to a variety of supports through our Shelter services.

Detox / Transitional

Alpha House's Detox Program is a medically supervised residential care service for individuals withdrawing from an addictive substance. Licensed by the Mental Health Services Protection Act, intake and assessment is available 24/7.

Alpha House provides an additional 12 recovery beds in its detox facility for individuals who have completed the detox program and are awaiting start dates for drug-treatment or housing programs.

Housing

Alpha House's housing programs include both Community Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing to ensure a variety of options for Calgarians exiting homelessness.

Alpha House's Community Housing Program supports clients throughout the community in market housing. Caseworkers provide hands-on case management to support clients with their short and long-term goals. This program supports 215 individuals.

Alpha House operates 7 Permanent Supportive Housing Programs with 24/7 wraparound case management to support clients with long term housing stability. This program supports 160 individuals.



Outreach

Alpha House offers a wide range of outreach services to support street involved individuals towards appropriate services, reducing the impact of intoxication and homelessness on the broader community and public systems. Alpha House provides outreach support to vulnerable individuals and businesses through its four core mobile response programs:

ENCAMPMENT TEAM (403) 805-7388

mobile response program assisting individuals living in encampments or rough-sleeping with supports and access to housing referrals

HELP (Formerly DOAP) TEAM (403) 998-7388

mobile, 24/7, response program providing non-emergency assistance, transportation, and intervention for vulnerable individuals under the influence of alcohol or other substances

AMBASSADOR TEAM (587) 834-1785

mobile response program helping to create safe and clean communities by connecting with businesses to identify collaborative ways to address social issues with care for those experiencing homelessness

NEEDLE RESPONSE TEAM (403) 769-5334

mobile response program for safe clean up and disposal of needle debris on public or private properties