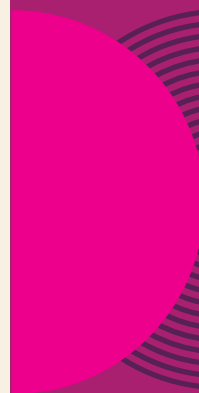
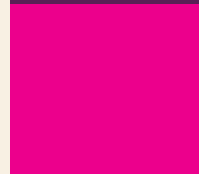
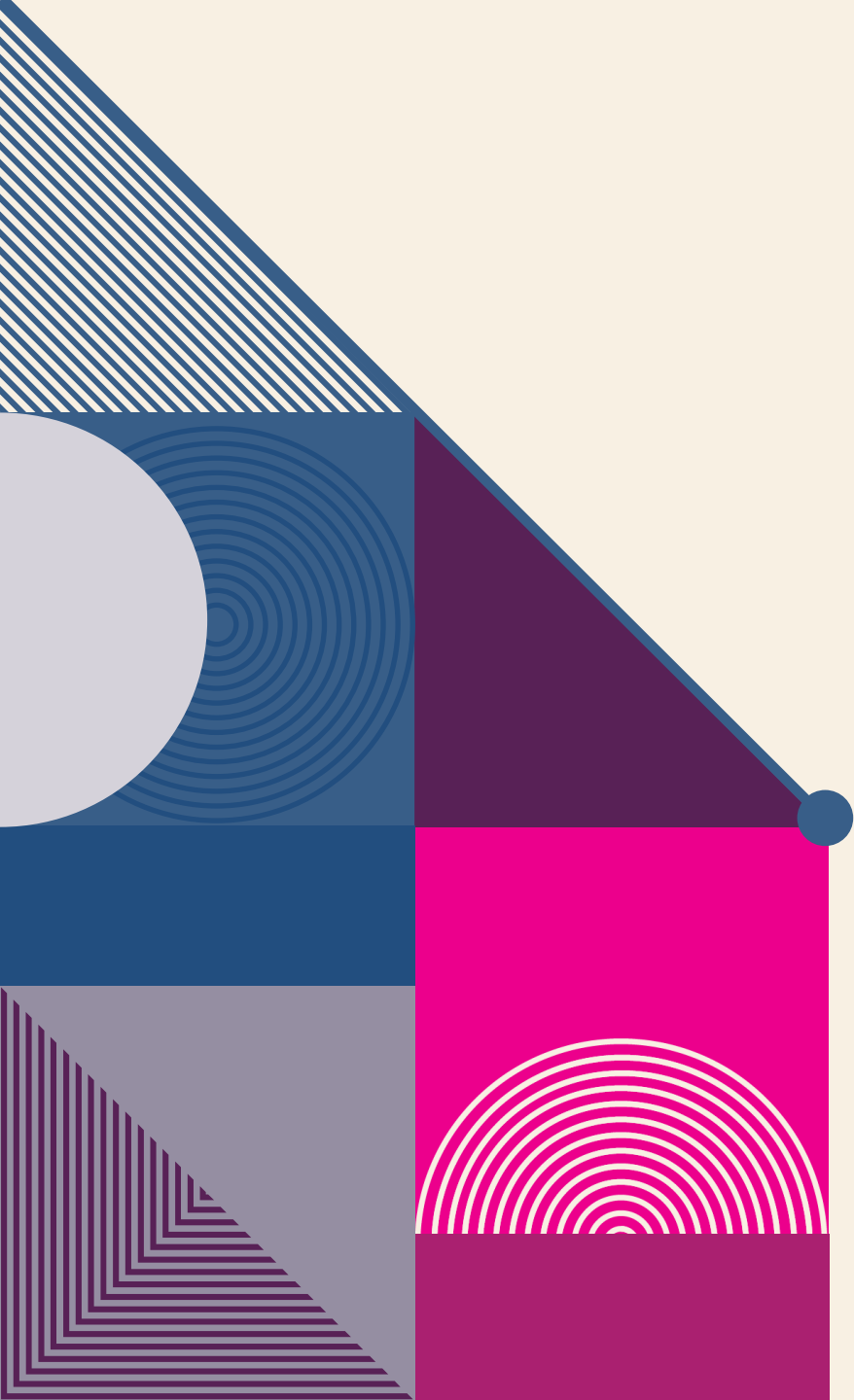


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QUESTION

How many people in this room got well by treatment?

How many people in this room got well by housing first?



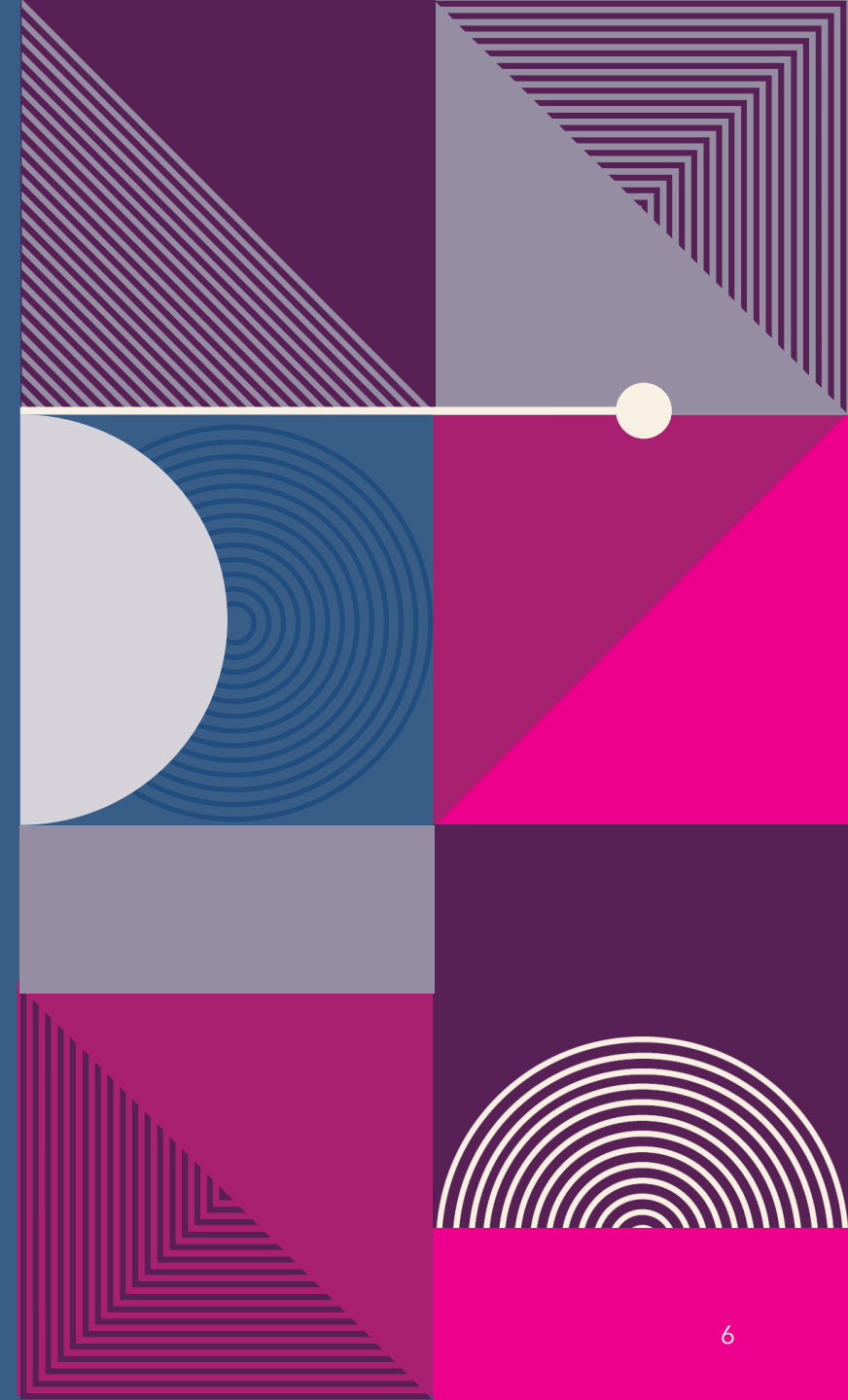
**LET'S LOOK
AROUND**




TREATMENT FIRST
PROPONENTS WANT
EVERYONE HOUSED.

WE RECOGNIZE THE DAMAGE TO RECOVERY INDEPENDENT LIVING CAUSES.

Moving them in early recovery, into independent living diminishes the focus and importance of the work required to address serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders.





WE RECOGNIZE THE DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMY THAT IS CAUSED BY HOUSING.

Providing free housing to the bottom 5% of the population is fundamentally unfair to the second lowest 5% of the population undermining their hard work and self-supporting activity.



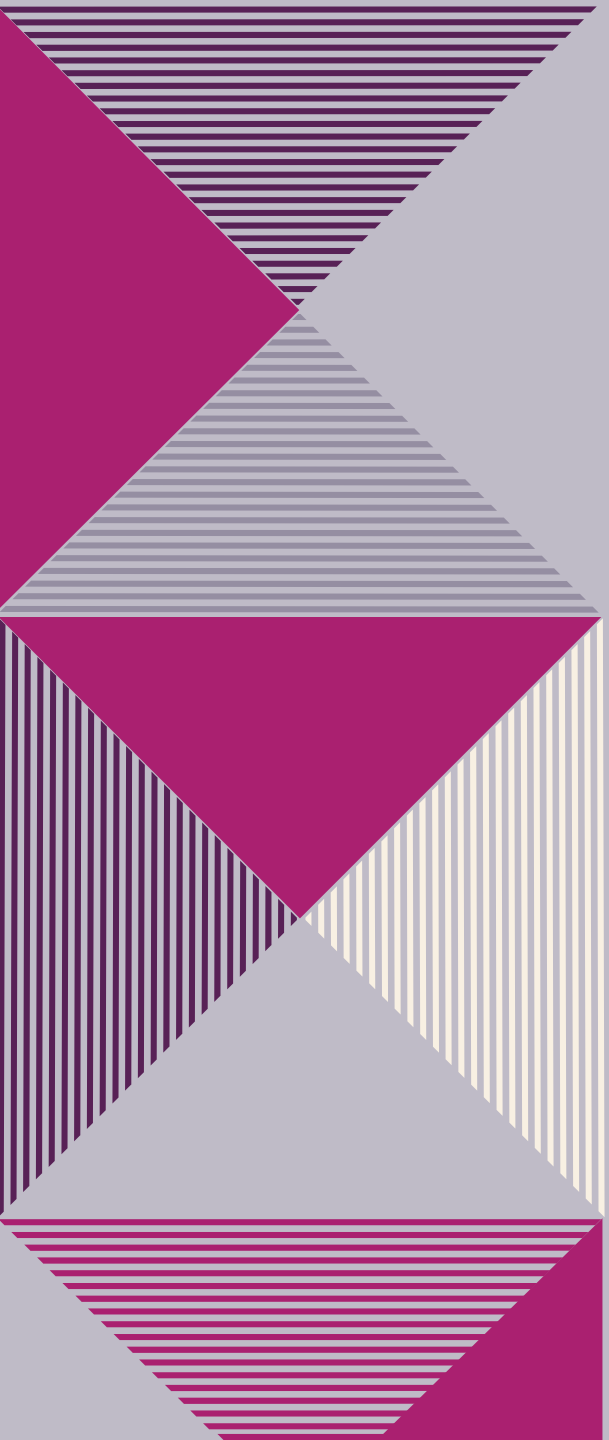
**WE RECOGNIZE THE DAMAGE TO
THERAPEUTIC MILIEUS THAT IS
CAUSED BY HOUSING FIRST AND ITS
LOW BARRIER EQUIPMENT.**

Allowing people to relapse and use illicit drugs fails to recognize the communicable Nature of drug use for other people with a substance use disorder.

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However, treatment-first proponents still want everyone housed. We just prefer a progression from congregate, to supportive to independent commensurate with recovery work and progress.

We just acknowledge that mental illnesses and substance use disorders are primary conditions and require to be treated as such.



**TOO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE DYING
FROM A DRUG CRISIS.**

**A WAR ON DRUGS DOESN'T
WORK BUT NEITHER DOES
HOUSING FIRST.**



**TREATMENT WORKS.
WE DO RECOVER.**



THANK YOU

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