

Publicly funded addiction treatment spaces

The commitment

In 2019, Alberta's government committed \$140 million over four years to increase access to addiction and mental health services and supports and strengthen Alberta's recovery-oriented systems of care.

This commitment included adding 4,000 publicly funded addiction treatment spaces to the continuum of care by funding new beds, funding existing beds, and upgrading existing detox spaces to medically supported detox spaces.

Then and now

Prior to this commitment, there were approximately 19,000 publicly funded addiction treatment spaces in Alberta.

Alberta's government is now funding more than 29,400 addiction treatment spaces annually. This is a **55 per cent increase** in funded capacity.

PUBLICLY FUNDED ADDICTION TREATMENT SPACES

Type of space	Newly funded spaces	Current spaces (2023)
Detox	Approx. 7,700	Approx. 22,695
Residential treatment and recovery	Approx. 2,742	Approx. 6,767



10,000 +
spaces
added

Detox: A safe, supervised way to withdraw from substances, which involves using medication to mitigate negative withdrawal symptoms.

Residential treatment: Intensive, short-term inpatient treatment provided by credentialed professionals followed by ongoing community-based support.

Residential recovery: Less intensive inpatient programming, where support is provided by both clinical and non-clinical staff. Community members are encouraged to support each other.

Treatment is free for all Albertans

In 2020, the provincial government eliminated daily user fees at publicly funded residential addiction treatment facilities for Albertans. Previously, there was a \$40 daily user fee, which was a financial barrier to treatment.

New publicly funded addiction treatment spaces

Since 2019, Alberta's government has funded more than 10,000 additional addiction treatment spaces, more than doubling the original commitment. That means an additional 10,000 Albertans will be able to access services every year.

Calgary Area	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Alpha House	2,184	DX
Drop-In Centre	1,020	DX/ RR
Oxford House	240	RT
Simon House Recovery Centre	289	RT
Calgary Dream Centre	223	RT
Recovery Acres Society	268	RT
Fresh Start Recovery Centre	138	RT
Alcove Addiction Recovery for Women	88	RR
Sunrise Healing Lodge Society	52	RT
Aventa Recovery Centre of Excellence for Women with Addictions	137	RT

Southern Alberta	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Kainai Nation's Bringing the Spirit Home Safe Withdrawal Management Site	1,251	DX
Foothills Centre	1,092	DX
McMan Youth, Family and Community Association – South Region	65	RR
Alpha House Society	48	RR
Southern Alcare Manor	44	RR

DX – Detox
RT – Residential Treatment
RR – Residential Recovery

Edmonton Area	Newly funded (up to)	Type
George Spady Society	1,820	DX
Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centres	560	RT/ RR/ DX
Jellinek Society	68	RR
Our House Addiction Recovery Society	55	RR
Salvation Army Edmonton	48	RR
Recover Acres Society Edmonton	40	RT
McDougall House Association	6	RT

Central Alberta	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Thorpe Recovery Centre	574	DX/ RT
Drumheller Society for Recovery's Grace House	28	RR

Northern Alberta	Newly funded (up to)	Type
Bonnyville Indian-Metis Rehab Centre	104	RT

The Addiction Helpline is a 24-7 confidential toll-free service that can provide support, information and referrals to services

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