

Six Month Utilization Report for Saskatoon City Council – Complex Needs Emergency Shelters

- To better support individuals in crisis and enhance community safety, **two (2) pilot sites for Complex Needs Emergency Shelters (CNES) have been developed**, one each in Regina and Saskatoon.
- Each CNES provides up to 15 individuals in crisis with a **safe place to stabilize while being monitored for up to 24 hours** for the negative effects of drugs or alcohol. These individuals are also connected to services such as addiction treatment, housing, income assistance, and other wraparound supports.
- The Saskatoon CNES started accepting clients on August 6, 2024. As of January 31st, 2025, **653 patients have been admitted** to the Saskatoon CNES.

MONTH	NO. OF ADMISSIONS
August 2024	83*
September 2024	106
October 2024	148
November 2024	127
December 2024	107
January 2025	82
Total	653

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Almost all clients accepted transportation to supports and services in Saskatoon while some had to be appropriately transferred to police custody or transported to hospital.

Some drop off locations include:

- Friendship Inn,
- The Bridge,
- Saskatoon Tribal Council, and
- YWCA.

Testimonials

The Saskatoon CNES has received positive feedback from a number of clients and also experienced encouraging outcomes with some clients.

Testimonials received from clients include:

- how nice and clean the facility is
- how well they are treated by staff
- how they enjoy being able to joke around with the staff
- how the staff took care of their wounds

“These people treat me with respect...”

“Thank you for caring for me when I didn’t think I was worth anything...”