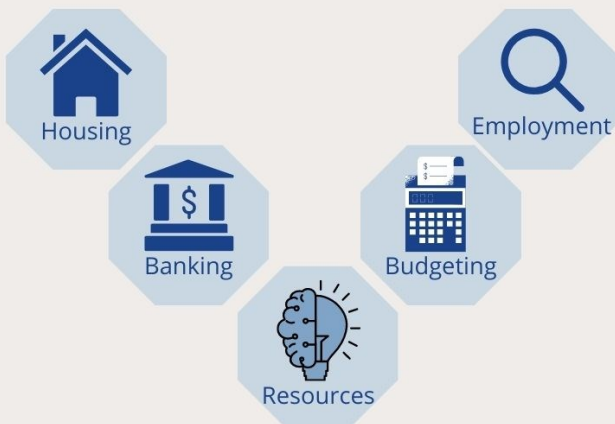


INCREASING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC STABILITY

A series of workshops providing information and resources on



Restoring lives, preventing crime, and strengthening communities through

Engagement

Wrap-around supports, individualistic goals and rapport building

Encouragement

Access to resources, education, skill building and improving knowledge

Empowerment

Independence, self-determined, and self-sufficient



Financial Literacy Training – Berkana House

Calgary John Howard Society has been providing supports and services to some of the most vulnerable and stigmatized Calgarians for the past 70 years. The agency upholds its values around 'restoring lives, preventing crime and strengthening communities' through engagement, encouragement and empowerment of the multifaceted client population we serve, particularly the women.

We support women through variety of programming through our agency; however, Berkana House plays a significant role in supporting women who are returning to the community after being incarcerated; many having served lengthy prison sentences. Most of these women have faced trauma, financial hardships and require wrap-around supports as they navigate their way back into community.

Financial literacy is a core skill required for the women to be able to work towards independent living. In October 2021, the agency received funding from The Rotary Club of Calgary to provide a series of workshops focusing on increasing women's economic stability. The workshops will be running on a continuous basis with new enrollment every month. These workshops are designed to not only provide basic education around budgeting and saving but also around securing and maintaining housing, employment, banking and accessing community-based resources. The purpose of these workshops is to build skills and confidence in women so that they can be pro-social and contributing members in our community.