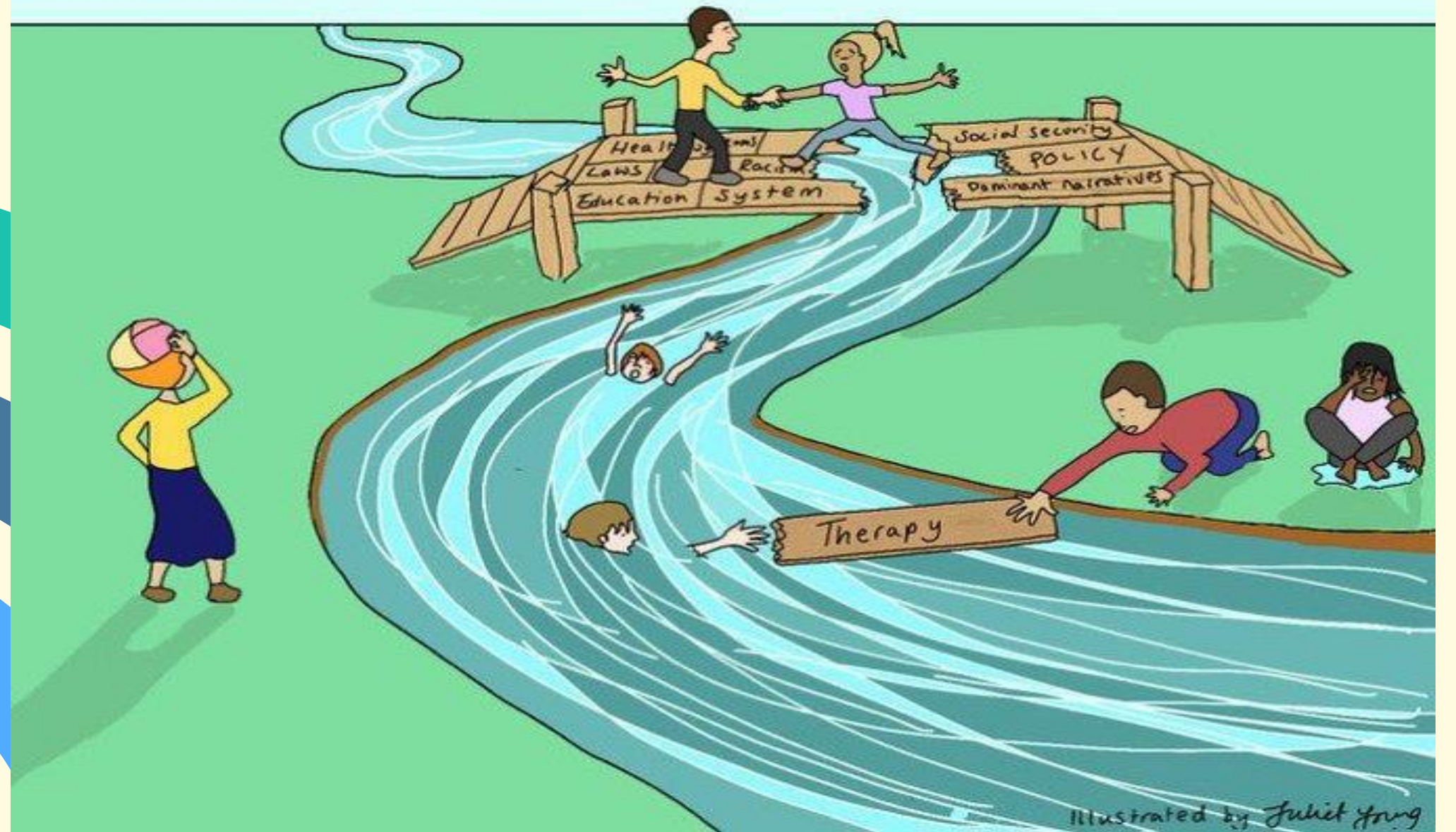




Unhoused Services

City of Somerville HHS

There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. Some of us need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in. (Desmond Tutu)



Primary Prevention

Bolster Protective Factors and Reduce Risk Factors

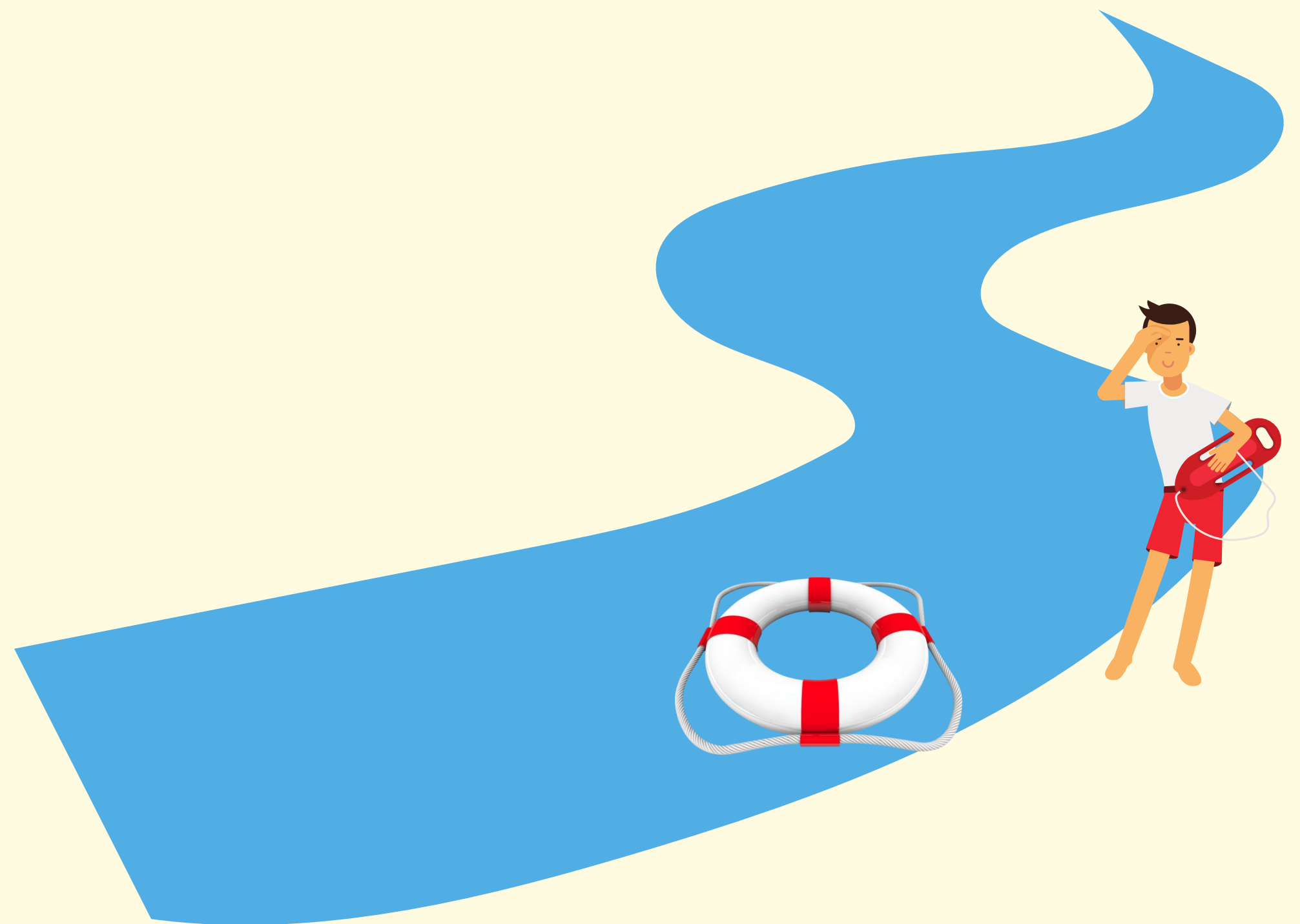
- Frequent referrals to the city's Office of Housing Stability
- Weekly multidisciplinary huddle
- Taxi-to-health program (4000+ rides in 2023)
- Mobile farmers markets to improve food access
- Veterans Services supports
- Community Health Workers
- Social Workers providing brief interventions and referrals
- Public Health nurses: home visits, language capacity, free vaccine clinics
- SomerPromise supporting childcare for low-income families
- Youth Services programs



Secondary Prevention

Early Detection and Referral

- Case management and support;
334 referrals served in 2023!
 - Benefit Assistance
 - Case Management Services
 - Utility Assistance
- Basic needs' supplies
- SNAP



Tertiary Prevention

Supporting People in Crisis

- Supporting Somerville Homeless Coalition Engagement Center
- Backpack program
- Winter warming shelter (16-20/night)
- Mobile shower (future)
- Mobile harm reduction services (1,300 doses of Narcan)
- Public health nursing in various "pop up" sites throughout the city; Spanish for public health nursing
- Opiate Settlement Funds-survey of persons with lived experience

Since Opening the Engagement Center in November 2022, **40 Individuals have been housed**

