

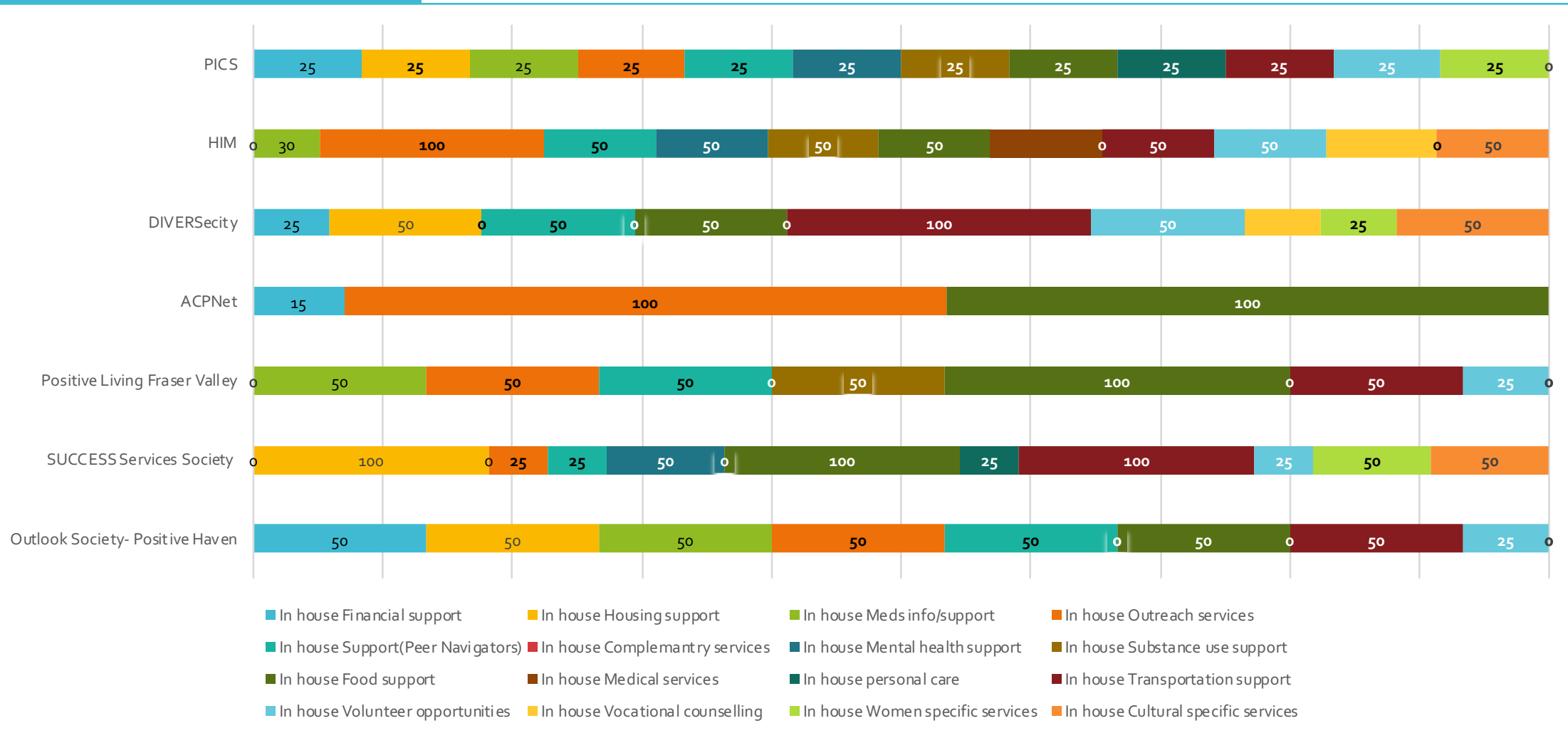
# Community- based organizations survey

- In July-August 2020, Peer Navigators contacted by phone or email community-based organizations serving the population of the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) region.
- Organizations that were contacted included agencies serving immigrant and refugee communities and people living with HIV.
- Organizations that provided responses to the survey included: Health Initiative for Men, SUCCESS Services Society, Sara for Women, Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS), DIVERSECity, Afro-Canadian Positive Network, Outlook Society - Positive Haven, Positive Living – Fraser Valley.
- The survey asked about services offered, the population demographics, challenges and gaps in services. The survey focused specifically on older adults living with HIV (OALHIV) served by the agencies.

## Findings snapshot

- ❑ The percentage of older adults served by agencies varied between 25% to 50%
- ❑ Many agencies have a food and/or grocery program, which has seen an increase of demand recently
- ❑ Appropriate housing is an issue. FHA used to be more affordable than Vancouver. This is no longer the case.
- ❑ Agencies have various degrees of transportation program for medical appointments.
- ❑ Services seem to be Surrey-centric. There are some services in New Westminster. But services tend to be lacking in the Fraser Valley and North of the Fraser in general.
- ❑ Social isolation is a major issue for older adults in general and for those from some ethnic communities in particular.
- ❑ HIV-based stigma is a major contributor to social isolation among the older adults living with HIV who are members of certain ethnic communities.
- ❑ Despite a growing number of urban Indigenous population in the FHA region, there are no culturally safe and appropriate services for Indigenous older adults living with HIV.
- ❑ Cultural and language barriers are significant when providing services to various ethnic communities in the FHA region.

# Services provided by community agencies and percentage of users who are older adults living with HIV



**NOTE: Sara for Women - Mission-Abbotsford has no specific programming for OALHIV**