



CHILD RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Alberta Resilient Communities

Research Purpose

To develop a better understanding of the lived experiences of school-aged children (5-18 years old) impacted by the 2013 Alberta Flood, with the goal of developing a holistic understanding of child resilience.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS



Resilience in Disasters

How are children's lives impacted by disaster, and how do children demonstrate resilience in adversarial situations such as disasters?



Internal/External Factors

What are the cumulative internal and external factors that promote child resilience in situations of disaster?

RESEARCH TOOLS



Quantitative Resilience Measure

The Child and Youth Resilience Measure (CYRM) includes 28 questions with a three point scale designed to measure child and youth resilience.



Qualitative Interview Schedule

Interviews consisting of 66 open-ended questions that contextualize the CYRM, and provide more details about the child's overall disaster experience.

PLANNED OUTCOMES



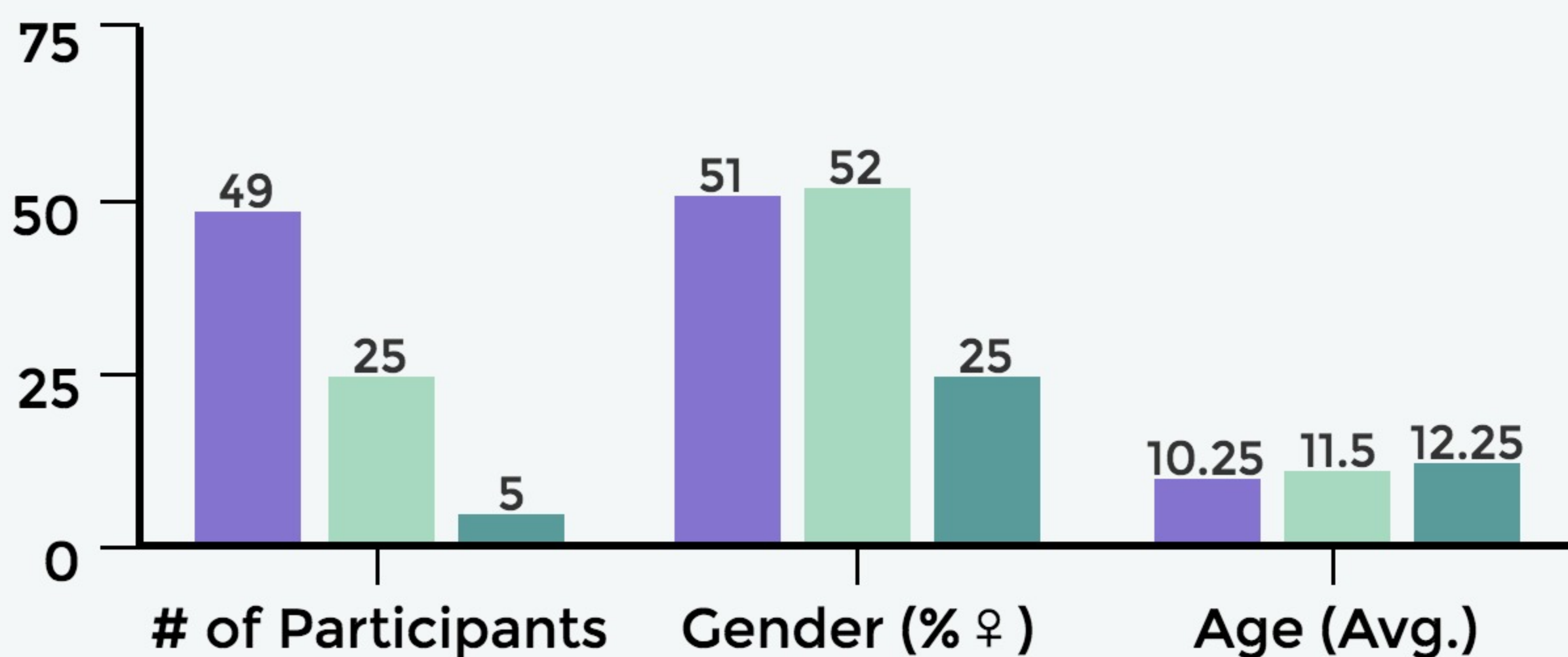
Knowledge is Strength

Fact sheets on children's health, well-being, and recovery post-disaster, as well as child-informed resilience activities.



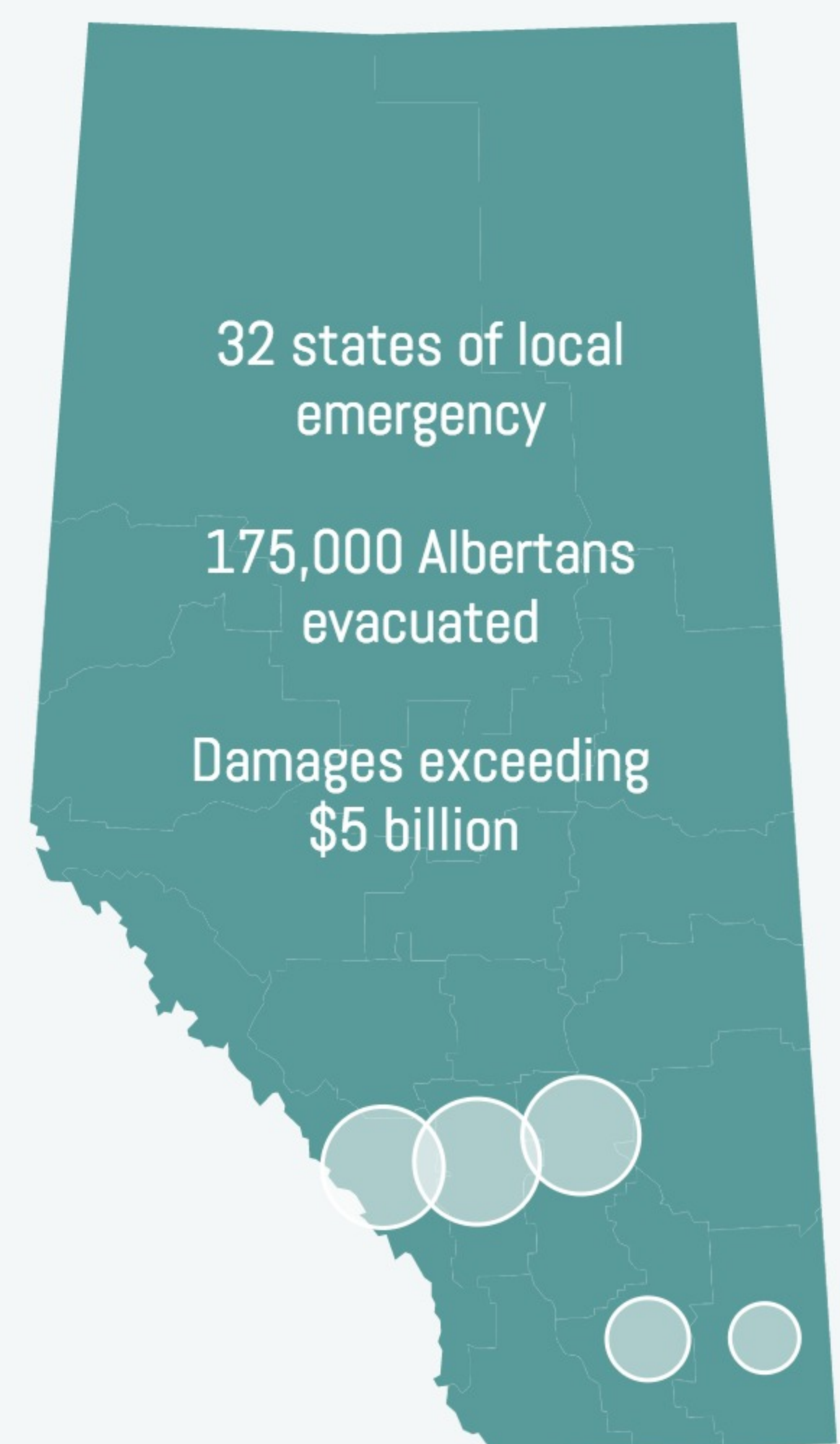
Making a Difference

Information guides on resilience strategies for children leading to policy and practice recommendations.



Currently, our research team has interviewed 79 children and 79 parents from High River, Calgary, and the surrounding areas (MD Foothills, Bragg Creek).

Alberta Areas Affected by the 2013 Flood



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