

w7 : Homelessness and a design challenge for the issue of homelessness

DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

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"I've searched and I am currently searching for a job .I will always want to make a daily income." Dimitris 52

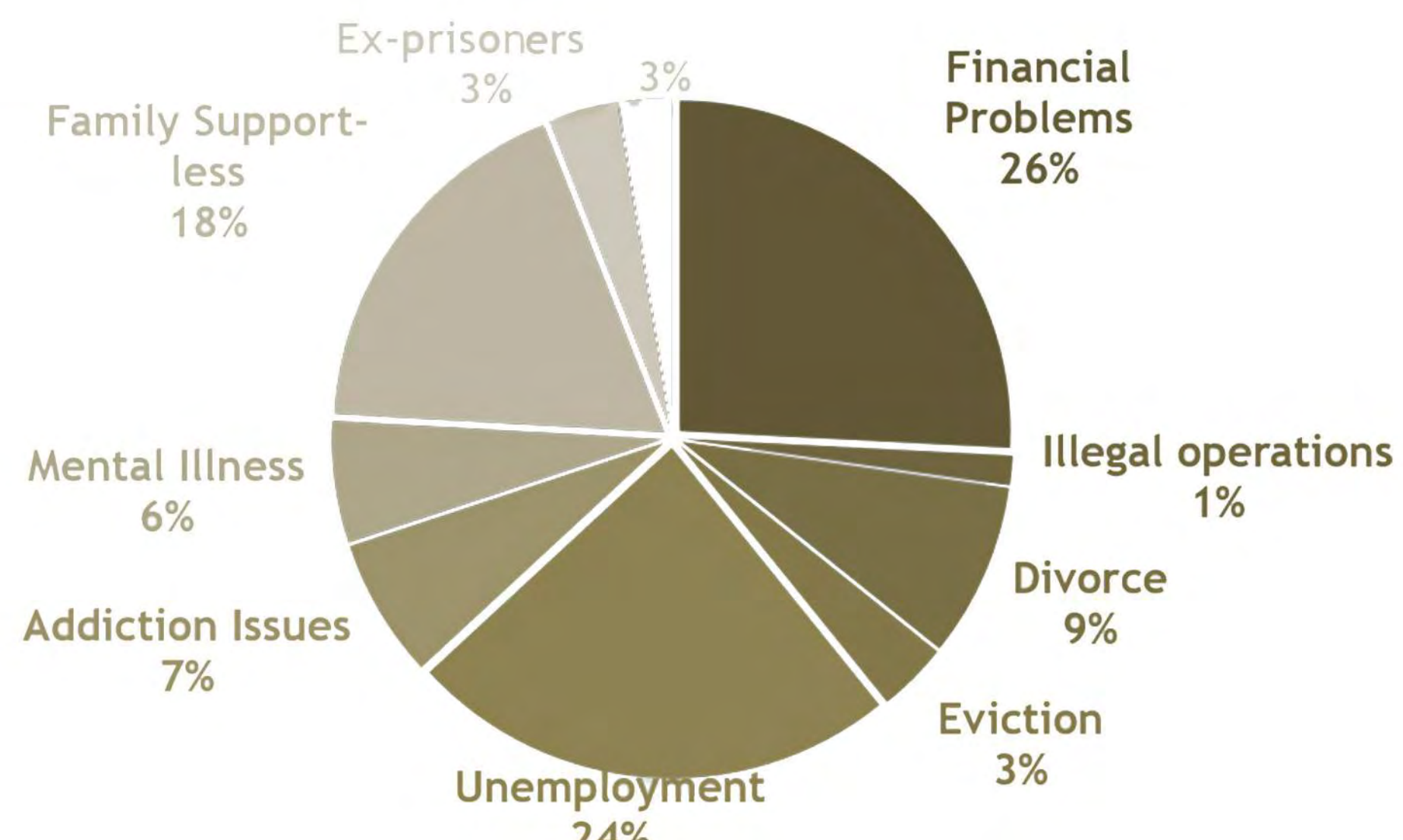
<http://homelessnessgreece.blogspot.gr/2014/01/blog-post.html>

"Food and sleep are not the most difficult issues. Roaming around the streets aimlessly is though." Kostas 38

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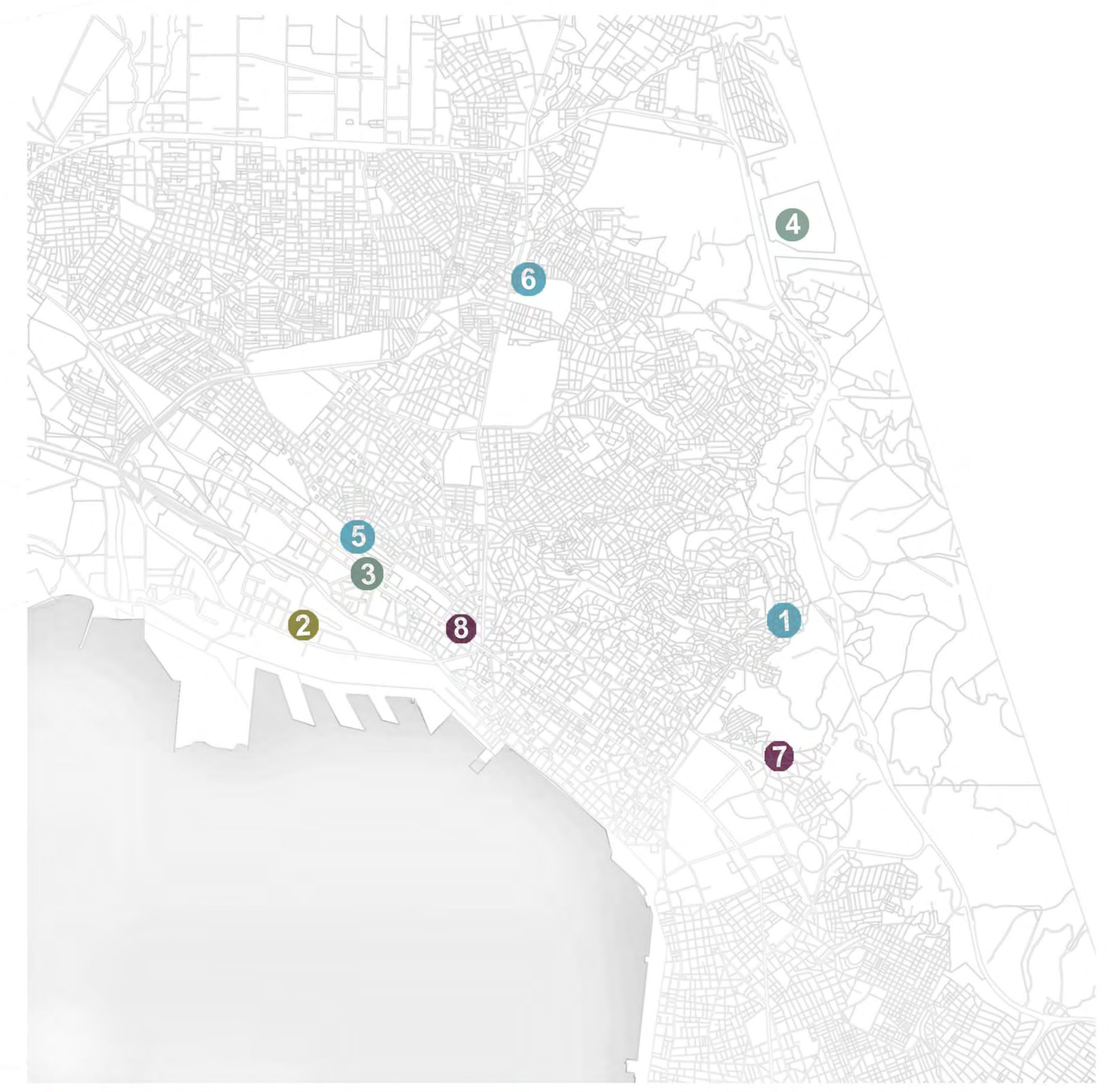
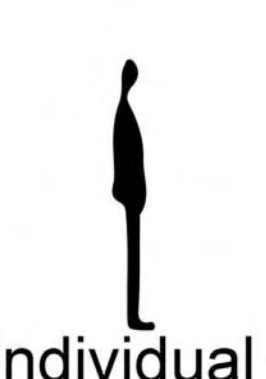
The homeless' problem is how he/she is going to spend his/hers hours. Every day is the same ." Leon 49

<http://news.in.gr/greece/article?aid=1231219945>



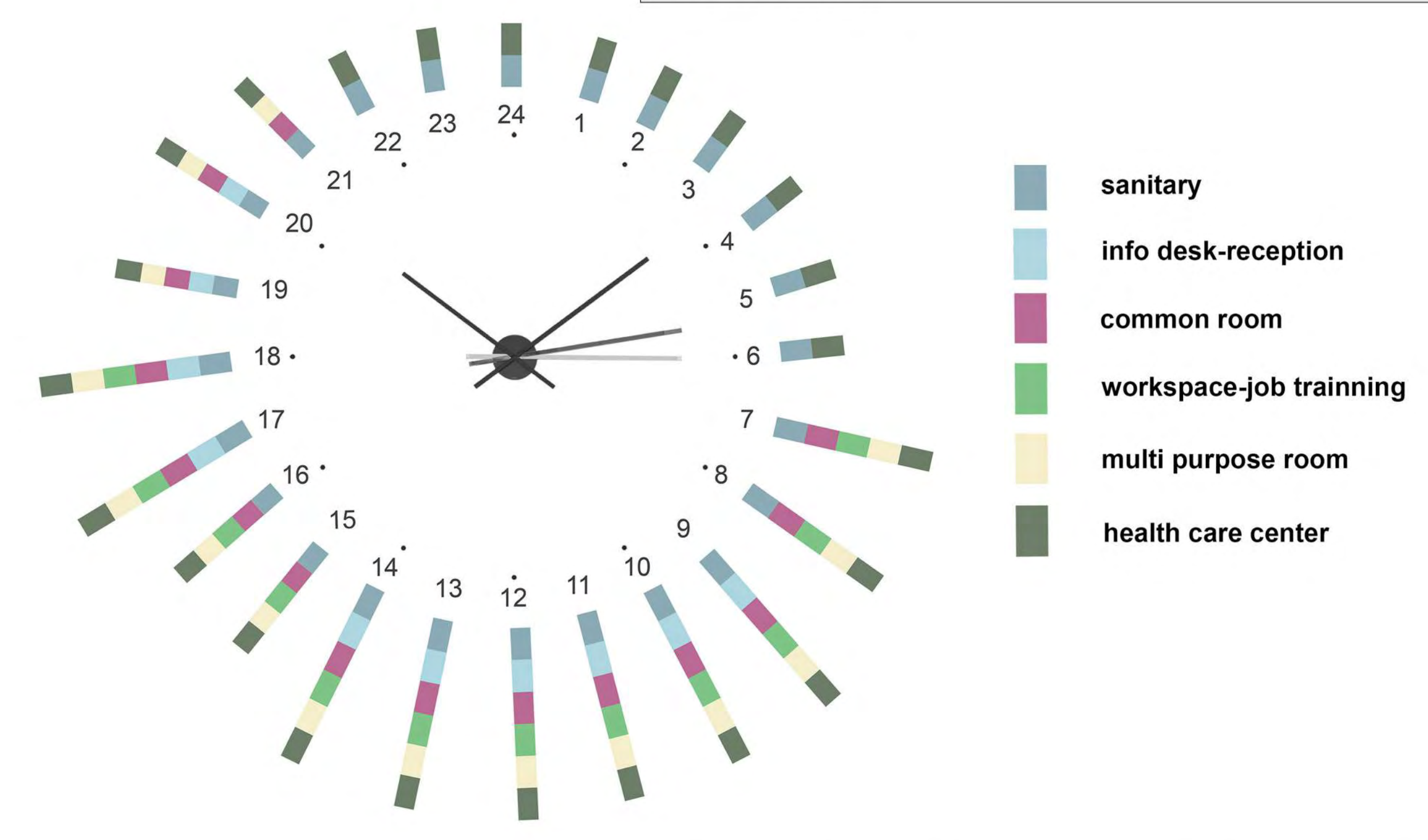
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The need for a Day Center
Having a secure place to spend the day, clean up, rest, interact, learn a skill and finally make an income.



- Eirinis 4 st., catering hall
- Monastiriou 124, social grocery store
- Dormitory ,Andreu Georgiou 13 st.
- Store "Kivotos" S.P.E West Thessaloniki , Lagkada 196 st.
- Help center ,Monastiriou 62
- PRAKSIS, Arkadioupoleos 1 st.
- Public garden, Mpazouli street
- Social Pharmacy ,Aisopou 24 st.

TIMELINE



DAY CENTER: POTENTIAL PLACEMENTS

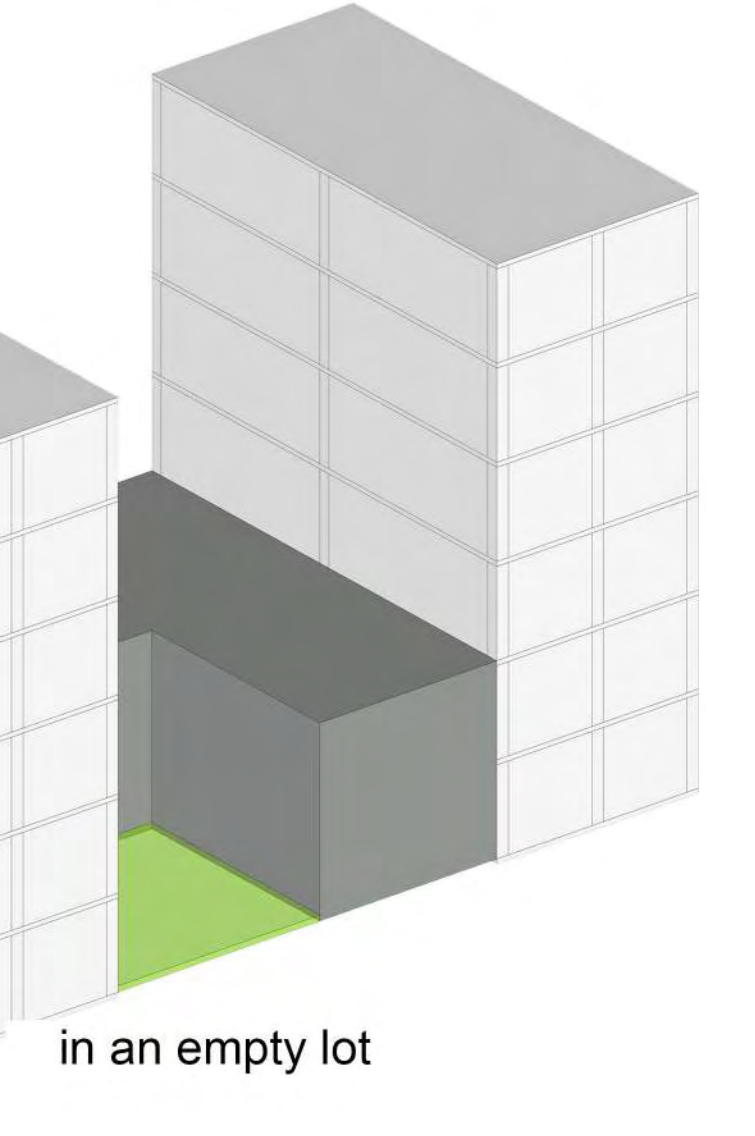
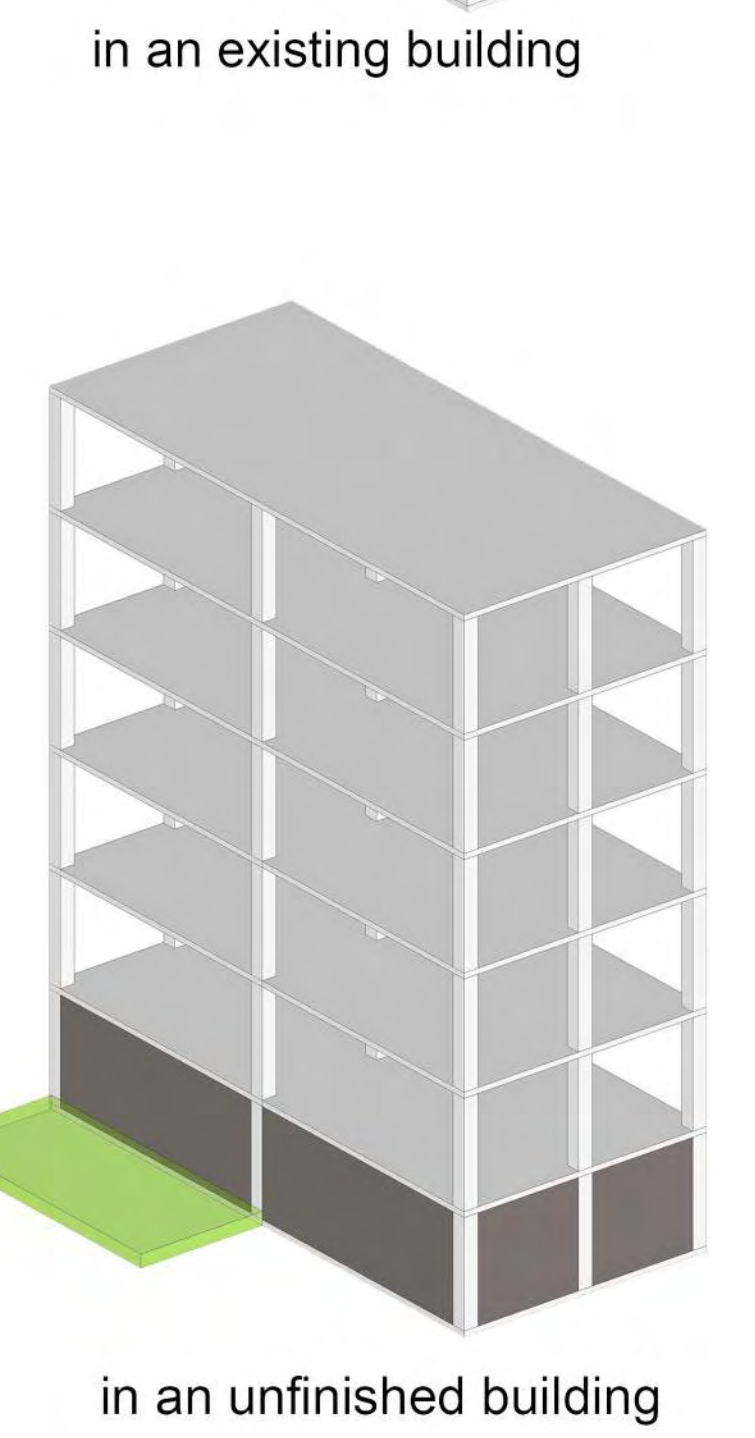
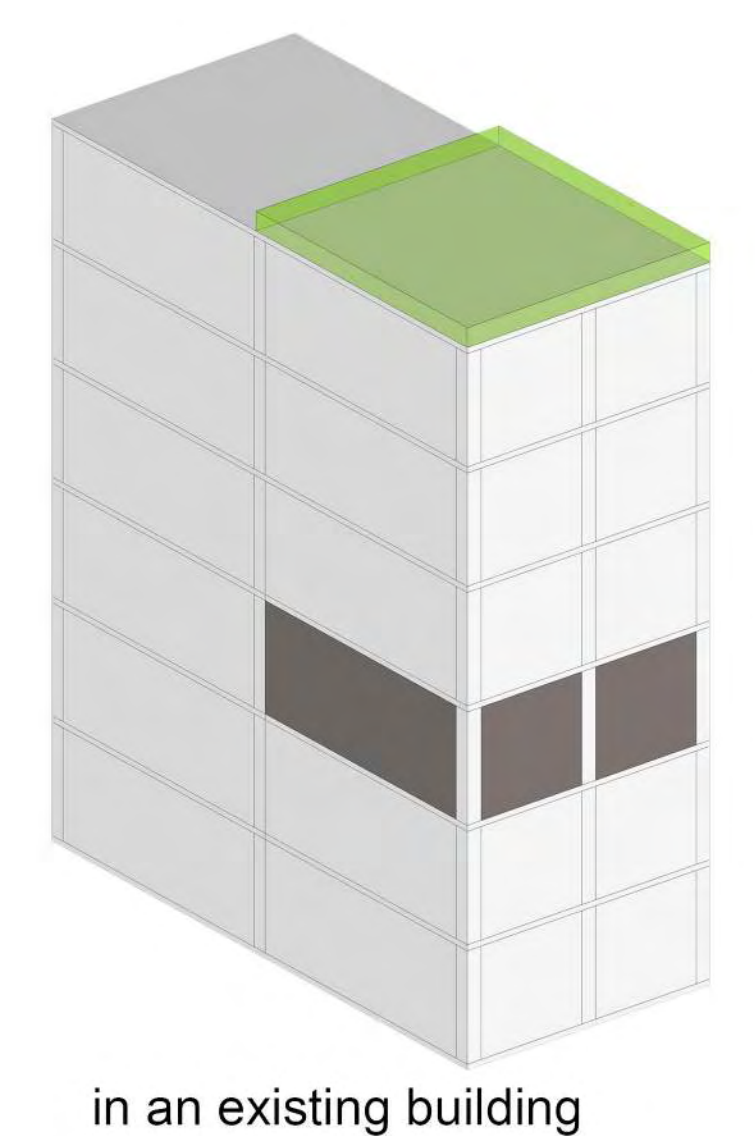
Homelessness is really a complex and hard to be defined state of a person, met all over the world. The homeless population is continually increasing, mostly at the downtowns of the country.

We proposed the building of a permanent foundation which will provide what was mentioned before, and, at the same time, will maintain a socially open presence to the totality of the community in Thessaloniki. We envision a multi-functional structure where education and a variety of activities will be provided to the target population when at the same time, they will feel as part of everyday life.

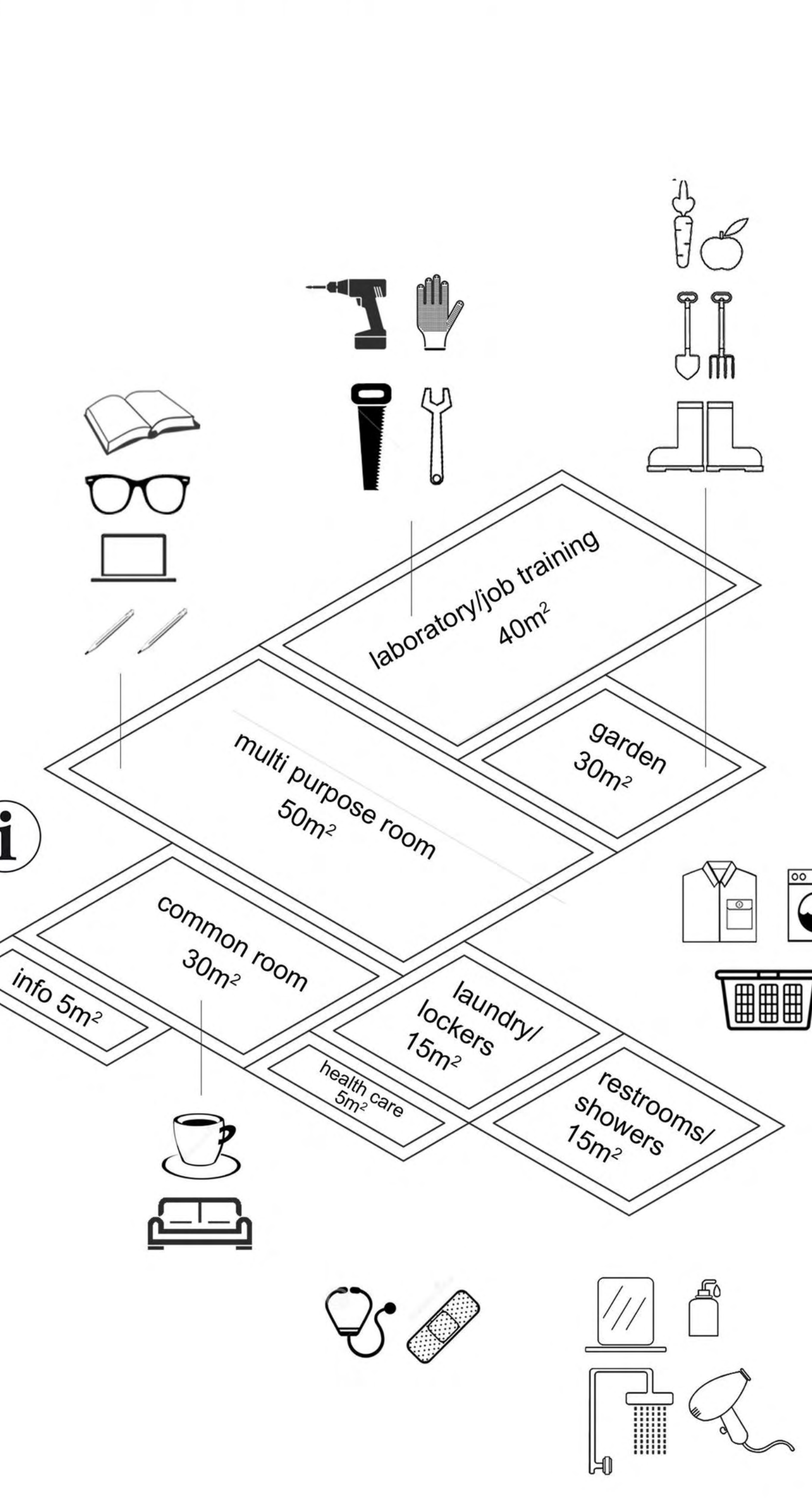
This Day Center is like a road towards the integration of the homeless people by providing caring and training facilities. The main goal is to help homeless to go from the individuality like personal hygiene or cleaning their clothes to collaborative like learning to work in a workspace and have the opportunity to rent tools in order to be hired by customers. The end of the journey is reach the collective, be part of a group and integrate to the community.

Taking into consideration the main spaces of such a center, the project consists of spaces such as a sanitary frustration, a reception, a common room, a job training/laboratory, an education and consulting room, a library, a healthcare center and even a garden.

As far as concerns the viability and the ecological substance of the Center, the use of an underground rainwater collector lying under the area of the garden/patio provides the possibility of saving the water "masses". Additionally, taking in conscience the role of the job training and the collaboration, the place users will be able to recycle materials that they collect in order to use them for their projects and the constructions of their practical training.



PROGRAMMATIC CONFIGURATION



care and facilities

- sanitary and restrooms
- laundry room
- health care
- reception
- common kitchen
- living room
- film club
- lockers
- wi-fi
- phone booth
- electric power
- dog kennels

skills and training

- work space
- teaching room
- library
- salvaged materials
- tool rentals and equipment
- craft making tutorials
- seminars
- storage
- gardening

companionship and integration

- networking
- group activities
- craftsmanship

given space

possible spatial configurations

prominent role

- human interaction
- education
- job training
- caring

sanitary

info desk-reception

common room

laboratory-job training

multi purpose room

health care center

garden

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