

We are working side by side with communities to build an equitable future where everyone has a safe place to call home, enough to eat, a quality education, and access to the resources they need. Racial justice guides our work.

United Way of King County is advocating for policies that promote our community's ability to thrive today and for policies that address the drivers of systemic inequities affecting communities of color. We encourage the Legislature to develop new models of progressive revenue streams and ensure robust funding for programs that create equitable access to a high quality of life and resources for people at the intersection of racism and poverty.



ADVANCING ECONOMIC MOBILITY

- Create the Evergreen Basic Income Trust account to pilot and evaluate the impacts of providing a guaranteed income to families in poverty and support direct cash programs to boost financial security and prevent youth and young adult homelessness.
- Maximize Working Families Tax Credit and increase Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- Increase and fund access to affordable and culturally responsive childcare and after-school care by maximizing childcare subsidies and other childcare benefits.
- Pay pathways for undocumented students in post-secondary education.
- Support undocumented workers by creating and fully funding an unemployment insurance program for undocumented workers and codify and fully fund the Apple Health Expansion program that covers low-income immigrant and refugee community members.
- Support increased funding capacity for 211 call system so that there is one easy to use phone number for the community to access human services and other necessary resources.
- Increase funding for high-quality, culturally responsive, and accessible mental and behavioral health for all.



PROMOTING HOUSING STABILITY

- Increase tenant rental protections.
- Advocate for capital investments in affordable homeownership, to create new homes for buyers eligible for the Covenant Homeownership Account Program, advocate for capital investments in affordable home ownership, reforms to the covenant home ownership account and increased capacity for by-and for developers.
- Advocate for a state bill to authorize an expanded Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for affordable housing as well as a local REET option.
- Increase funding for rental assistance and affordable homes.
- Expand the Homeless Student Stability Program, which funds rental assistance for families of students who would otherwise have to move away from their local school because of rental costs.



INTERRUPTING SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

- Include barrier reduction dollars for students to use on a variety of things that are barriers to them attending school and fund summer pilot for open doors programming to ensure youth are reengaged year round.
- Support 9th grade success.
- Fund on-campus navigators to full-time positions and fully fund the WA Passport Program.
- Ensure every student eats free with universal school meals, and full funding across all food systems.
- Support positive behavior intervention and restorative practices in K-12. Eliminate restraint and isolation.
- Fully fund special education and support a more equitable state funding formula for all education and wrap around support (services) for families and students in a holistic way.