

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2017

United Way of King County is proud of donor support that allows for more than \$35 million of investments to build a strong community. We know it also takes state and local support for our community to thrive and are focused on these key areas:

BUILDING FINANCIAL STABILITY

- **Pass Breakfast After the Bell:** provide breakfast for kids in high-needs school where and when it matters. Schools can choose the model that fits them best and it would ensure that classroom breakfast count toward instructional time
- **Reform the system of Legal Financial Obligations** to make assessment of ability to pay uniform across the state and based on objective standards, ban incarceration and manual labor sentences for non payment, and keep interest from accruing during incarceration
- **Restore Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)** to 100% of pre-recession levels, eliminate asset limits, and expand education time frames to help families rise out of poverty

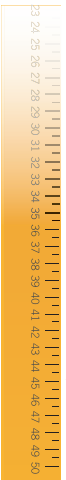
ENDING HOMELESSNESS

- **Improve data collection** to help homeless youth by allowing young people to consent to participating in the Homelessness Management Information System
- **Reauthorize, expand and make permanent** the Document Recording Fee for homeless services
- **Provide \$200 million in funding** for the state Housing Trust Fund – increasing access to affordable housing by providing dollars to developers

HELPING STUDENTS GRADUATE

- **Increase funding for home visiting**, starting early to ensure parents are their kids best teachers
- **Expand Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP**, state-funded preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds) and keep on track to meet 2020 commitment
- **Pilot Dual Language Learning** in early learning and K-12 through grants and technical assistance to schools and child cares piloting dual language programs, and teacher scholarships

In addition, we're advocating for better access to services: increased funding for the 2-1-1 system's technical infrastructure.



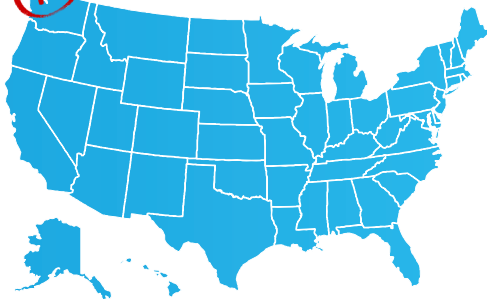
In percentage of low-income students participating in both lunch and breakfast programs Washington state ranks

← **45th**
out of 50 states.

41st

Washington State ranks 41st in high school graduation rate

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