

# Juvenile Rehabilitation Homeless Prevention Program

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- **(SSB 6560)** Requires agencies to develop a plan by Dec. 31, 2021, to ensure that no youth discharges from a publicly funded system of care into homelessness by Dec. 31, 2021.
- Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) received funding from the Legislature to assist youth and young adults releasing into homelessness or unstable housing.



## Groundwork

### Operational and Infrastructure

- Three full time employees dedicated to homeless prevention efforts within JR.
- Development of internal referral and tracking system.
- Building database for outcome reporting.
- Statewide training for JR staff and managers.
- Development of statewide inventory for community housing resources.

### Community Partners

- Participation on county homeless coalitions and Interagency Workgroup on Youth Homelessness.
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- Interagency workgroup on youth homelessness.
- Office of Homeless Youth.
- A Way Home Washington.
- Volunteers of America.
- Health Care Authority.
- YouthCare.

### Development of Housing Vendors

- Build relationships with housing vendors across the state to increase resource options for youth and young adults.
- Educate vendors on the needs of JR youth and young adults.
- Streamline payment process for housing vendors.



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## Current

### Vendors

Housing vendor partners have been established in King, Snohomish, Pierce, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Yakima, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Walla Walla, Benton/Franklin, and Spokane County.

### Grants

- In partnership with the Department of Commerce and Volunteers of America, two housing units dedicated to JR youth facing homelessness in Spokane County.
- Through Volunteers of America, one housing case manager located in the Spokane JR parole office is providing case management services for clients in need of housing.
- Partnership with the Department of Commerce and Health Care Authority for one WISE Engagement Coordinator assisting eligible JR clients with access to intensive wraparound services upon reentry to the community.

## Financial Assistance

JR utilizes dedicated homeless prevention funds to provide support with rent, deposits, application fees, and utility bills for youth and young adults in need of housing.

## Future Needs

- Independent Living Skills program offered to young people in residential and community settings.
- Additional homeless prevention specialists to ensure equitable services for all youth across Washington State.
- Increase inventory of housing units for youth and young adults.
- Increase access to Coordinated Entry for youth and young adults facing housing instability prior to release from JR.

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