

Twice the number of households were permanently housed than in 2013

# 2017 Homeless System Action

## PROGRESS

### YOUTH AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE SUCCESS



Helped **94%** of participants stay housed. The program prevented over 4,000 people, including 2,400 children and youth, from becoming homeless. \$3.75 million in funding was awarded to 25 agencies to provide case management and flexible funding to assist youth and families at imminent risk of homelessness.

### DIVERSION



Diverted over 600 households from the crisis response system to stable housing through King County Regional Access Points.

### EXPANDED SHELTER SERVICES



Provided **\$1 million** in matching grants to expand shelter and homeless services outside of Seattle. Seven programs received funding and local jurisdictions provided over \$120,000 in matching funds.

### ENHANCED SHELTER



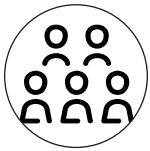
Opened two **24/7 enhanced shelters** at King County-owned properties in White Center and Kenmore, serving over 150 households a night, in a collaboration with Mary's Place. In addition, a **new enhanced under-age-18 shelter** opened in South King County, contributing to a reduction in unaccompanied homeless minors.

### VETERANS



Substantially reduced veteran homelessness. In partnership with the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, the State and the City of Seattle, King County homeless service partners created a Veteran By-Name List based on guidelines from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. The cross-sector collaboration is focused on bridging the gaps across King County to quickly connect veterans experiencing homelessness to the most appropriate housing and service interventions available to them.

## EXPANDED NAVIGATION SERVICES



**Funded staff positions in shelters** serving single adults and young adult drop-in centers to improve exits to permanent housing.

## EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES



Seeking to address a root cause of homelessness, King County **opened new mental health beds, a new detox facility in Seattle and more than 40 new locations for**

**buprenorphine.** A new detox facility in South King County opens 2018.

## VETERANS, SENIORS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY



Funding for affordable housing, including **funding dedicated to house homeless veterans**, is included in the new voter-approved levy. The levy also supports housing repair and disability remodels for low-moderate income veterans and seniors to prevent displacement or homelessness.

## NEW HOUSING

### CAPITAL FUNDING



**Dedicated funding to 10 affordable housing projects, creating an additional 697 affordable housing units** in King County. 197 units are dedicated to homeless households and will be located in Kent, Redmond and Seattle.

### MOVE ON

**King County Housing Authority (KCHA) provided subsidies for 160 households** to help them reintegrate into the community under an initiative developed in collaboration with King County to support people moving from permanent supportive housing into the Housing Choice Voucher program, freeing up valuable resources for higher-needs households.

## SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

### HMIS



**Improved data access and transparency has led to better system performance reporting**, including improved overall system utilization and decreased lengths of stay. King County continues to work with partners on system refinement since taking over operation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in 2016.

**funding recipients accountable** for achieving outcomes.

### COORDINATED ENTRY

To ensure a **coordinated way for individuals experiencing homelessness to access shelter and housing**, King County took over leadership and management for Coordinated Entry for All in 2016. Best practices includes using a case conferencing model to make housing referrals and developing a process to assure prioritized households have support accessing housing.



**Signed a new memorandum of understanding with Seattle to improve coordination and hold**