

YOUR DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019



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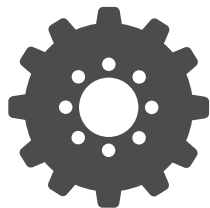
Funded a Housing Development Consortium with the Washington Community Homeownership Resource Center as the lead agency to support a 1-800 line to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure and/or homelessness.



Funded King County Housing Repair Program projects providing home repairs and disability accommodations for homeowners and special needs renters, allowing twenty income-eligible District 1 households to remain housed and safe instead of risking homelessness.



Launched the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with eight agencies serving District 1 residents.



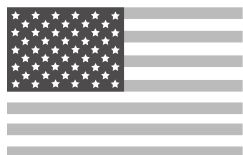
Awarded multi-year VSHSL grants to the Greenwood Senior Center Dementia-Focused Senior Hub, the North Seattle Senior Hub, and the Northshore Senior Center and additional centers serving seniors in District 1 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior population.



Implemented North King County's Response, Awareness De-escalation and Referral (RADAR) program building a bridge between law enforcement and behavioral health services to assist people in crisis.



Funded the 100-bed modular pilot Permanent Supportive Housing project in collaboration with the City of Shoreline. The 198th Affordable Housing Project will serve individuals who are homeless or at risk of being homeless and connect them to supportive services, helping them in their effort to maintain stable housing.



Braided funding from document recording fees, the Veterans Relief Fund and the VSHSL preserved the Shoreline Veterans Center and veterans permanent supportive housing keeping twenty-five veterans from losing their homes.



Embedded a behavioral health specialist in our King County Learning Center North through Best Starts for Kids to provide supports to young people to successfully complete secondary credentials.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services, creating the King County Integrated Care Network to serve children and adults with behavioral health needs.



Funded Cedar Crossings, a partnership between Bellwether Housing and Mercy Housing NW, to move development of 252 affordable transit-oriented housing near the Roosevelt Light Rail Station.

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Awarded two culturally-relevant service providers in District 2 - Sisters in Common and United Indians of All Tribes - to increase and improve access to infant mental health services for communities of color.



Expanded the PACT Program to increase access to intensive support services for people with serious behavioral health issues, with a new team based in District 2.



Launched the innovative End Youth Homelessness Now Campaign as a regional effort headquartered in the University District to engage and divert homeless youth into shelter, housing and supportive services.



Through Best Starts for Kids, funded the Inspirational Workshop's Trailblazers Program at Washington Middle School to empower black and brown youth and dismantle the system of structural racism in education, giving students the tools to cultivate personal development, a life learning attitude and strengthen abilities to set and achieve goals.



Supported two coalitions – Prevention Education and Action for Community Empowerment (SE Seattle P.E.A.C.E.) and the Healthy Youth Central Area Network in the Seattle School District – to prevent youth substance use in area schools through training, public awareness campaigns and positive youth activities and a Prevention/Intervention Specialist for the designated schools.



Launched the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with eight agencies serving District 2 residents, including API Chaya and Multi-Communities.



Awarded multi-year VSHSL grants to the African Diaspora Seniors Hub (including the Central Area Senior Center), El Centro de la Raza Senior Hub, the SouthEast Seattle Senior Hub and additional centers serving seniors in District 2 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors, and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior population.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services and created the King County Integrated Care Network to enhance and improve services for children and adults with behavioral health needs.



Launched a developmental bridge project for children ages 0-4 offering screening, evaluation and referral to services that are customized and flexible to serve the needs of each family.



Provided \$3 million to HomeSight to support building Othello Square, a 68-unit homeownership project to help build community wealth for District 2 residents. This residential housing cooperative is a mixed-use development aimed at building diverse, multi-cultural communities with nearby grocery, retail and workplaces.

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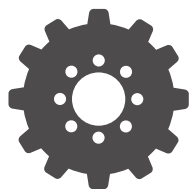
Funded King County Housing Repair Program projects providing home repairs and disability renovations for fourteen District 3 households to keep families housed and prevent homelessness.



In a partnership with YMCA TRACE, Snoqualmie Valley Community Network and Youth Mental Health First Aid, sponsored youth suicide prevention activities in District 3.



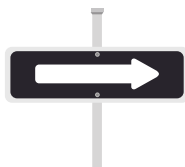
Awarded \$2 million in transit oriented development funds for Cascade Park Apartments in North Bend, working with Mt. Si Senior Center to preserve 28 units of housing for seniors.



Awarded multi-year Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) grants to the partners in the Far East Senior Hub (Issaquah, Mt. Si, and Sno-Valley Senior Centers) and additional centers serving seniors in District 3 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors, and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior population.



Through Best Starts for Kids, partnered with SnoValley Power of Produce (PoP) Club on a summer program that engaged children in educational food activities, conversations with local farmers, farm visits, and exposure to new kinds of fruits and vegetables at the Carnation Farmers Market – and got cooking classes to learn how to use them for healthy meals!



Using VSHSL proceeds, funded Pathfinder coordination and outreach in District 3 to help the most vulnerable of our veterans connect to housing, shelter, physical and behavioral health care, including funding for Minority Veterans of America.



Launched the VSHSL Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with eight agencies serving District 3 residents.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services and created the King County Integrated Care Network to enhance and improve services for children and adults with behavioral health needs.



Improved the Encompass Early Learning Center Parking Lot in North Bend to fix safety and traffic flow issues, remove barriers and improve handicapped access, including adding new parking areas, marked pathways and enhanced access points. Environmental review is underway.



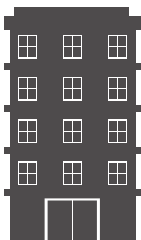
Introduced a new Reentry Case Management Services team to help people with behavioral health needs return successfully to their community after incarceration, including services for people exiting the Issaquah, Enumclaw, Kirkland, and Kent city jails and the multi-city SCORE facility. Services are provided by Evergreen Treatment Services (ETS REACH).

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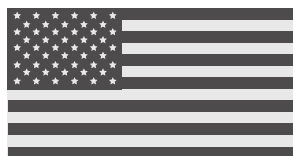
Clement Place

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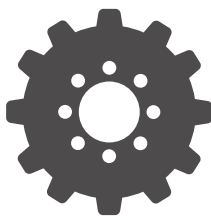
Opened Clement Place with the DESC, providing 100 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for people with significant behavioral health needs. Clement Place honors the memory of long-time staff member Dan Clement.



Through Combined Arms partnerships, King County Veterans Program-Belltown brought together staff from the Dispute Resolution Center, NW Justice Project and financial literacy counselors to help local veterans connect to services.



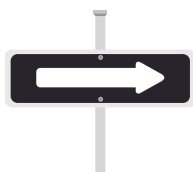
Funded the Yancy Street Permanent Supportive Housing Project with Transitional Resources to create 44 new units of housing for people with behavioral health needs who are transitioning from homelessness or hospitals.



Awarded multi-year Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) grants to the Greenwood Senior Center Dementia-Focused Senior Hub, Pike Market Senior Center, and the North Seattle Hub (including the Wallingford Community Senior Center) and additional centers serving seniors in District 4 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior populations.



Vroom, a nationally recognized developmental tool for children, worked with Best Starts for Kids and the Vroom Community Connector in partnership with Centro Rendu of St. Vincent de Paul and the Woodland Park Zoo to collaborate on a learning event designed especially for Latinx families, parents and caregivers.



Using VSHSL proceeds, funded Pathfinder coordination and outreach in District 4 to help the most vulnerable of our veterans connect to housing, shelter, physical and behavioral health care, including funding for El Centro de la Raza and the Ingersoll Gender Center Veterans Pathfinders services.



Awarded VSHSL funding to 9 organizations to inform, engage, assist and support veterans, seniors and vulnerable populations to apply for, receive, and retain government benefits to increase financial and household stability. Many, including Solid Ground, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and United Indians of All Tribes, will serve District 4 residents.



Launched the VSHSL Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with eight agencies serving District 4 residents.



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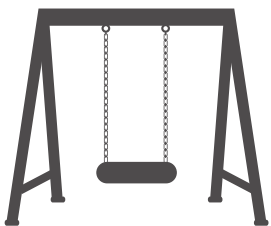
Awarded funding to Arc of King County to provide services to help older adults with intellectual disabilities, with a focus on helping African American and Latino families navigate caregiving systems.

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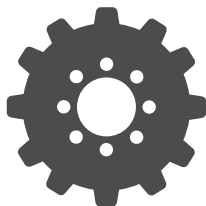
Celebrated the completion of Burien's Lakeview Park renovation and new children's playscape thanks to the Community Development Block Grant funding which implements non-housing projects for residents.



Funded King County Housing Repair Program projects providing home repairs and disability renovations for homeowners and special needs renters, keeping thirty District 5 households away from homelessness.



Opened June Leonard Place in downtown Renton with forty-eight 1, 2 and 3-bedroom units in a five-story building for lower-wage individuals, homeless households including families with children and veterans exiting homelessness.



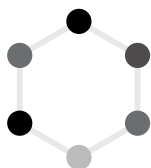
Awarded multi-year Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) grants to the African Diaspora Seniors Hub (including the Des Moines/Normandy Park Senior Center), Kent Place Hub and additional centers serving seniors in District 5 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's seniors.



Funded RAP - Restore-Assemble-Produce – in partnership with Best Starts for Kids and Mill Creek Middle School in Kent to provide staff training around addressing racial trauma and restorative practices, facilitating community coalitions and family engagement, and providing mentoring and restorative circles to Mill Creek students.



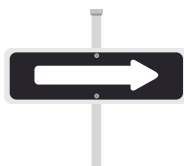
Through Combined Arms partnerships, King County Veterans Program-Tukwila brought together staff from the Dispute Resolution Center, NW Justice Project and financial literacy counselors to help local veterans connect to services.



Funded expansion of the successful Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to Burien to help South King County residents connect to behavioral health and other services as an alternative to incarceration.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services and created the King County Integrated Care Network to improve and enhance services for children and adults with behavioral health care needs.



Through the VSHSL, funded Unkitawa to provide Pathfinder outreach and coordination in South King County, with a particular focus on serving the need of indigenous veterans.



Provided funding for a new 92-unit Bellwether transit oriented development in Tukwila.

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Broke ground and provided funding for the new Kirkland Shelter for Women and Families with Catholic Community Services and the City of Kirkland.



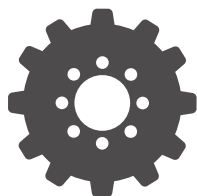
Funded King County Housing Repair Program projects providing home repairs and disability renovations to help homeowners and special needs renters, keeping fourteen District 6 households away from homelessness.



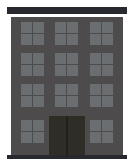
Launched the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with eight agencies serving District 6 residents.



Addressing data showing an “opportunity gap” in kindergarten readiness and third-grade reading levels for children of color on the Eastside, Best Starts for Kids funded a pilot project through Eastside Pathways and NISO Promotores Program to work with parents, caregivers and early learning providers to help children learn and thrive.



Awarded multi-year VSHSL grants to the India Association of Western Washington Senior Services Hub and its unique “pop-up” model of providing services at multiple locations, and additional centers serving seniors in District 6 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior population.



Awarded \$202,167 over the next 5 years to maintain 12 units of non-time limited housing, including eight units for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, along with case management and services to help residents gain employment, enroll in school, and build housing stability.



Providing \$211,515 over the next 5 years to maintain 16 units of non-time limited housing with eight units supported by King County Housing Authority's Project-based vouchers coupled with services for young adults experiencing homelessness. The project provides intensive case management services focusing on life skills, emotional well-being, healthy lifestyles, education and employment.



Completed the final report for the Affordable Housing Task Force and launched the new Affordable Housing Committee as the continuing steps toward addressing the need for more housing countywide.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services and created the King County Integrated Care Network to improve and enhance services for children and adults with behavioral health care needs.



Awarded \$2.25 million over the next 5 years to maintain 35 units of non-time limited, service-enriched housing for homeless men, offering rental assistance, case management, and employment assistance. Housing units are available in Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland.

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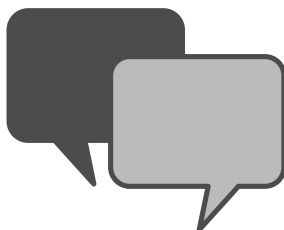


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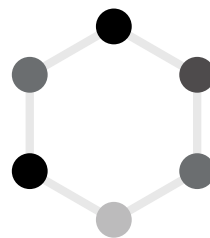
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Funded King County Housing Repair Program projects providing home repairs and disability renovations for homeowners and special needs renters, keeping thirty-two District 7 households away from homelessness.



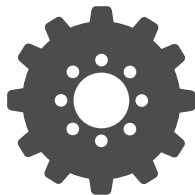
Launched the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with 8 agencies serving District 7 residents, including Somali Family Safety Task Force.



Supported the Regional Policy Committee to pass innovative legislation to substantially restructure the regional homelessness crisis response system to improve coordination of funding and services countywide.



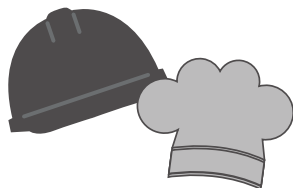
Through Best Starts for Kids, partnered with Mother Africa to provide developmental screenings for infants and young children, allowing parents to confirm that their children are on track in their development and to identify children who might need additional supports. Mother Africa provides language and culture specific information on child development.



Awarded multi-year VSHSL grants to the South King County Senior Center Hub (Auburn, Federal Way, and Pacific Senior Centers) and additional centers serving seniors in District 7 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services, expand outreach to isolated seniors, and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior population.



Introduced a new Reentry Case Management Services team to help people with behavioral health needs return successfully to their community after incarceration, including services for people exiting the Issaquah, Enumclaw, Kirkland and Kent city jails and the multi-city SCORE facility. Services are provided by Evergreen Treatment Services (ETS REACH).



As part of the VSHSL-funded Countywide Commercial Sexual Exploitation Case Management Collaborative, funded Aileen's, the first publicly funded peer leadership and job training project headquartered in South King County.



Supported the Auburn Prevention Coalition through the Auburn School District to prevent youth substance use in area middle and high schools through training, public awareness campaigns and positive youth activities and a Prevention/ Intervention Specialist for the designated schools.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services and created the King County Integrated Care Network to serve children and adults with behavioral health care needs.



Provided funding and broke ground in Auburn for New Arcadia housing for homeless youth in partnership with Nexus Youth and Families and the YMCA of Greater Seattle to provide housing for 15 and emergency shelter for 12.

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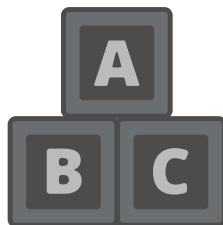


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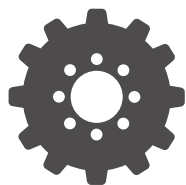
Provided funding to Vashon Household to develop 40 units of housing at the Island Center Apartments on Vashon.



Provided new funding for Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) to support Vashon Youth and Family Services.



Opened Eagle Village Bridge Housing with Chief Seattle Club as a modular pilot project offering 24 homes to people exiting homelessness, with programming targeted to American Indian/Alaska Native peoples.



Partnered with Para Los Ninos in Burien through Best Starts for Kids to work with middle school students in an afterschool program that focuses on supporting positive racial, cultural, ethnic and language identity and leadership of Latino/a youth by providing bi-lingual, culturally rooted, and community-led academic success, cultural and language heritage and civic engagement leadership programs.



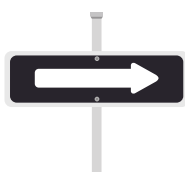
Supported community prevention coalitions – Southwest Seattle Youth Alliance (Seattle School District) and Vashon Alliance to Reduce Substance Abuse (Vashon School District) to prevent youth substance use in middle and high schools through training, public awareness campaigns and positive youth activities and a Prevention/ Intervention Specialist for the designated schools.



Launched the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with nine agencies serving District 8 residents, including The DOVE Project on Vashon Island.



Provided funding through the VSHSL in partnership with the City of Seattle to create the Expanded Legal Defense Network, which provides a range of legal services to help immigrant and refugee youth (Kids in Need of Defense) and adults (Northwest Immigrant Rights Project) including assessment, consultation, and direct representation in immigrant issues and detentions.



Using VSHSL proceeds, funded Pathfinder coordination and outreach in District 8 to help the most vulnerable of our veterans connect to housing, shelter, physical and behavioral health care, including funding for the Ingersoll Gender Center and Urban League Veterans Pathfinders services.



Opened the West Wing Enhanced Shelter with DESC, repurposing an unused portion of the King County Correctional Facility to create shelter and onsite services for people with significant behavioral health and other disabilities with 24/7 access to case management and other services.



Completed renovations to partner with the Salvation Army to open the Jefferson Day Center 7 a.m. to 7 p.m providing case management, health and hygiene services and other supports and a 24/7 enhanced shelter at the historic Harborview Hall on First Hill to help people transition out of homelessness.

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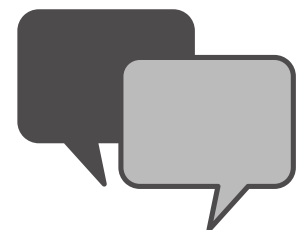
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Funded King County Housing Repair Program projects providing home repairs and disability accommodations for homeowners, keeping 34 District 9 households away from homelessness.



Broke ground for Willowcrest in the Sunset neighborhood of Renton, the first Net Zero Energy multi-unit home ownership development project creating 12 units of housing affordable for low to moderate-income households.



Launched the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Survivor-Centered Mobile Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with eight agencies serving District 9 residents, including Somali Family Safety Task Force.



Through Best Starts for Kids, JJ Smith Birth to Five Center in Enumclaw is partnering with Nexus and Children's Therapy Center to provide in-class support in preschool, parenting classes, and play-and-learn groups. The support raises awareness of trauma and racial trauma and improves staff, parent and student competence in developing skills to promote healing and involve families in planning and decision making that can improve their belief in themselves.



Awarded a multi-year VSHSL grant to the South East Rural Senior Hub (Enumclaw Senior Center) to implement a rural health initiative for rural elders, and additional grants to centers serving seniors in District 9 as part of a \$20 million investment to improve services for seniors, expand outreach to isolated seniors and enhance services reflecting the diversity of King County's senior population.



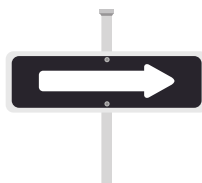
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Used support from the Community Development Block Grant program to fund a water main replacement for Black Diamond.



Using VSHSL funding, awarded a multi-year grant to Plateau Outreach Ministries (POM) as a one-stop service in Enumclaw providing a food bank, thrift store, benefits applications, rental assistance and more for people in need.



Using VSHSL funding, funded Pathfinder coordination and outreach in District 9 to help the most vulnerable of our veterans connect to housing, shelter, physical and behavioral health care, particularly isolated veterans, homeless veterans and veterans of color.



Successfully initiated the state-mandated integration of physical and behavioral health care services and created the King County Integrated Care Network to improve and enhance services for children and adults with behavioral health care needs.

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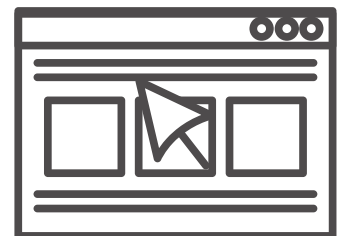
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Centralized Request for Proposal (RFP) and other procurement efforts to share information on all open funding availabilities in one place, in one table online to improve the application process for providers and other stakeholders.



Successfully implemented a process to live stream the meetings of the Advisory Board for Developmental Disabilities and making it possible to expand the process to other DCHS advisory boards and committees



Launched a new external blog, *Cultivating Connections*, to share news and information with the community and partners on DCHS programs, services innovations and performance.



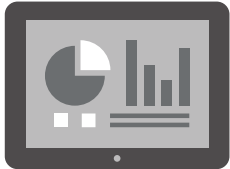
Successfully implemented a hiring initiative beginning in January 2019 with the goal of hiring more than 80 new positions approved in the budget in the first quarter of 2019 alone in response to the department reorganization and the expansion of roles and responsibilities of the department – coupled with a goal of maintaining or increasing the diversity of the department and exceeding our goals in both areas. Including internal hires, and hires to refill positions as they became vacant, DCHS filled 175 roles in 2019, all while exceeding diversity benchmarks to ensure that DCHS is representative of the community we serve.



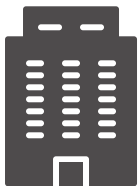
Completed the reorganization of the department and its five divisions: Adult Services; Behavioral Health and Recovery; Children, Youth and Young Adult Services; Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports; and Housing, Homelessness and Community Development.



Confirmed membership to launch a new Regional Affordable Housing Task Force to provide leadership and oversight to planning and development of affordable and supportive housing countywide, and a Child Care Task Force charged with studying and making recommendations for improving access to quality child care for people of all incomes



Launched new homeless system dashboards available online to better communicate information on individuals and populations served, the needs of our customers, system capacity and service outcomes. These dashboards provide more consistent, data-driven information—updated monthly—to provide a more detailed and complete picture than the annual point-in-time count.



Completed a successful move to consolidate in new offices in the Central Building those DCHS staff working for the new Children, Youth and Young Adult Services Division, the expanded Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division and Best Starts for Kids. DCHS now has major teams operating in Tukwila, Belltown, Shoreline, and three buildings in the downtown core.



Improved internal communications by installing television monitors in all DCHS offices and creating a new DCHS News Channel providing a weekly slide show with news and information for staff, and redesigning and relaunching an internal DCHS monthly newsletter, Touching Base.



Continued engagement and coordination with the DCHS Equity and Social Justice Leadership Team to advance ESJ efforts and Goal Area Team recommendations in alignment with the Strategic Plan, hosting two well-attended DCHS ESJ Information Fairs and integrating the ESJ and DCHS Leadership Teams for joint discussions to address system equity and direction setting.