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 Addressing root causes of homelessness

ROOT CAUSE: Behavioral Health

CURRENT STATE

31% of low-income clients seeking mental health services did not receive same day intake

Source: King County Department of Community and Human Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, 2018.

On average of the past few years, approximately **10%** of Western State Hospital patients are discharged into homelessness

Source: Western State Hospital data for civil detention patients.

FACTORS

Inadequate on-demand access to treatment

Lack of individualized care

Lack of a stable workforce to meet demand and care needs

Insufficient care coordination between systems

Inadequate access to housing resources

HIGHLIGHTED STRATEGIES

IMMEDIATE

IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN 3 YEARS



Develop and expand behavioral health approaches shaped to individuals' unique needs.



Create a housing stabilization fund to pay rent in order to preserve housing while people are receiving inpatient treatment.



Fund an incentive pool so that behavioral health providers bring services to people whether in housing, shelters or unsheltered.

LONG-TERM

IMPLEMENTATION IN 3-10 YEARS



Expand care options that connect individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis with peers who have similar lived experience, and create peer crisis respite houses in all communities throughout King County.



Expand and improve opportunities in the behavioral health workforce for people with lived experience, particularly for people of color.



Provide resources for inpatient treatment programs to find stable, long-term housing for people exiting treatment.