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Addressing root causes of homelessness

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### CURRENT STATE

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

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

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- 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.  

**SOURCE:**  
- King County Department of Community and Human Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, 2018.  
- Western State Hospital data for civil detention patients.