# ONE TABLE

**Addressing root causes of homelessness**

## ROOT CAUSE: Criminal Justice

### CURRENT STATE

King County’s Department of Adult & Juvenile Detention has about **3,000 adult bookings into jail per month**

*Source: King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, Detention and Alternatives Scorecard, 2017.*

**Compliance charges** (for failure to comply with expectations of parole, bail, etc.) **represent about 40% of bookings** for those booked into a King County jail four+ times in a 12-month period.

*Source: King County Department of Community and Human Services, Familiar Faces Population Analysis, 2016.*

### FACTORS

- Lack of early interventions
- Shortage of diversion supports
- Reentry system that sets individuals up for failure rather than success
- Budgeting prioritizes criminal justice/corrections over services
- Lack of housing for people with criminal justice system involvement

### HIGHLIGHTED STRATEGIES

#### IMMEDIATE

**IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN 3 YEARS**

- Work with the criminal justice system (judges, staff, and law enforcement) to increase understanding on homelessness and housing needs.
- Pass fair housing laws in King County and local municipalities that support housing choices for individuals with criminal records.

#### LONG-TERM

**IMPLEMENTATION IN 3-10 YEARS**

- Conduct an analysis of current criminal justice investments to determine if any can be redirected to early intervention, diversion and behavioral health services.
- Divert low-level homelessness-related bookings to services rather than jail.
- Human-centered and racially explicit review and redesign of compliance requirements so that they do not penalize homelessness and poverty.