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 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.