

United Way of King County is proud of **donor support that allows us to invest more than \$29 million** to build a strong community where people have homes, students graduate and families are financially stable. We know that it also takes state support for our community to thrive. Please help us:



Help Students Graduate

- **Help young people get their education back on track.** Advocate for policies that support young people, such as:
 - Expand Open Doors funding to include summer quarter
 - Clarify eligibility of young parents for TANF and WCCC to keep them engaged in school
 - Remove ‘gift of public funds’ issue to enable barrier reduction funding for reengagement programs
- **Include homeless children in the 12-Month Working Connections Child Care Authorization.** Homeless children are not currently covered. Child care settings often are a key place of stability for kids experiencing homelessness—and it’s an oversight that needs to be fixed.

41st

Washington state ranks 41st in high school graduation rate



Break the Cycle of Poverty

- **Support a tax rebate for working families.** Similar to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, this rebate would reduce Washington’s tax system’s regressive structure and put more money in the pockets of hardworking families.
- **Support wraparound services for homeless college students.** One out of ten college students is homeless—wraparound services would help with immediate support like lockers, showers and food plans as well as case management and short and long-term housing.
- **Expand Washington’s Basic Food, Education and Training program.**
- **Support TANF families in two key areas:** Restore 60-month time limit exemptions and reinstate the Child Support Pass-Through for TANF families.



Fight Homelessness

- **Support eviction reform.** Current state law allows landlords to evict within three days of nonpayment of any amount or for any other reason. This does not provide adequate time for nonprofits to provide eviction prevention to keep families from becoming homeless. Evictions should only be carried out for legitimate business reasons.
- **Increase Housing and Essential Needs (HENS) funding.** The waiting list has grown—and an increase in funding will help accommodate the caseload, supporting older adults, blind and disabled people.
- **Support bonding against sales tax for affordable housing.** Allow localities to raise and bond against future revenues of up to \$500M per jurisdiction for the purposes of building or renovating affordable housing.

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Support These Tax Priorities

- **Expand Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) eligibility.** Allow the EITC to reach two currently ineligible groups: families without dependents and young workers.
- **Boost the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).** Increase volunteer recruitment and training for Free Tax Preparation programs. VITA helps families and individuals access important tax credits and other federal benefits.



Appropriate Funds in the Following Areas:

Pass a Fiscal Year 2019 Spending Bill to raise Budget Control Act spending caps and increase funding for human services in these areas:

- **Financial stability**, including the SNAP program and lifesaving entitlements like TANF and Medicaid
- **Ending homelessness**, including Housing Choice Vouchers(section 8) and increased McKinney Vento funds
- **Student success**, including Child Care subsidies, Head Start slots, and Pell Grants
- Preserving AmeriCorps and block grants to states and localities



Pass Policy Bills That Invigorate Our National Commitment to Families and Individuals

- Enable families to work while children receive high quality early learning experiences that prepare them to succeed in school
- Treat immigrant families and their children fairly, to avoid causing trauma that will be costly to address later
- Address elements of the justice system that criminalize poverty and direct states to do the same
- Address areas of education that are failing students, such as school readiness, school discipline, opportunity youth, transitions to high school and college, etc.