

A photograph of a man in a bright green sweater lifting a young child in a blue jacket. The child is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, outdoor setting, possibly a beach or park.

Addressing Youth and Young Adult Homelessness

Senate Housing Stability &
Affordability Committee
and

Senate Human Services, Reentry &
Rehabilitation Committee

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Managing transitions

- ▶ **Youth and young adults exiting residential and inpatient behavioral health care into homelessness**
 - HCA has partnered and actively supported Department of Commerce's Office of Homeless Youth to address this challenge through consultation, connection to providers and advocates, and leading the behavioral health subcommittee of the SSB 6560 [2018] workgroup led by the Office of Homeless Youth.

Partnerships matter

Partnerships to leverage outcomes for youth and young adults

- Office of Homeless Youth in Dept. of Commerce
- Raikes Foundation
- Schultz Family Foundation

Recruiting for a new position to analyze and support recommendations

Other touchpoints in existing youth services

- Wrap Around with Intensive Services (WISe) technical assistance.
- Ongoing conversation and education with and among Family Youth System Partner Roundtables (FYSPRTs) at the regional and statewide level.
- New Journeys, Washington State's First Episode Psychosis Coordinated Specialty Care Intervention.
- Healthy Transitions – Federal grant piloting two Washington sites to address transition age developmentally appropriate interventions, services and supports.
- Division organization is shifting to focus on transition age population for all behavioral health services.

Foundational Community Supports benefits

Initiative 3 of the 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver

Supported employment services

- Employment assessments/planning
- Outreach to employers
- Connecting with community resources
- Assisting with job applications
- Education, training, and coaching

Supportive housing services

- Housing assessments and planning
- Outreach to landlords
- Connecting with community resources
- Assisting with housing applications
- Education, training, and coaching (resolve disputes, advocacy)

"Now that I have my living situation covered, I guess we'll start working on other stuff like my health appointments and work."

-BRIDGES Photovoice participant 2016



Questions?

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