



## HOUSING SERVICES ACCELERATOR YMCA

More than 11,000 people experience homelessness on any given night in King County, including 1,498 young adults. Nearly 50 percent of people experiencing homelessness are completely unsheltered. While most children are accompanied by adults, most young adults (18-25) are on their own. The Accelerator YMCA is making a real, positive difference by providing housing to more than 290 young people on any given night of the year. We are the largest provider of housing to homeless young adults in King County.

### APPROACH TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS

The Accelerator YMCA knows that housing is just one piece of the puzzle that helps young people find stability and become self-sufficient. In alignment with King County's coalition, All Home, we strive to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time for all young people in our region.

#### RARE

- Support young people as they age out of foster care
- Support young people in danger of losing their housing
- Stabilize and reunite families
- Connect young people with short-term host homes in the community

#### BRIEF

- Manage seven transition housing sites for young people aging out of foster care or experiencing homelessness
- Offer rental assistance and vouchers
- Provide a resource drop-in center five days a week

#### ONE-TIME

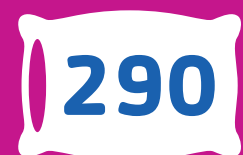
- Provide intensive case management support
- Prevent eviction by helping young people pay rent
- Connect young people with jobs and internships to earn money and gain valuable work experience so they can become financially independent



13 percent of people experiencing homelessness in King County are under the age of 25

# 28%

of unaccompanied homeless youth under age 25 identify as LGBTQ



young people receive a safe and stable place to sleep on any given night through the Y



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## HOUSING PROGRAMS



### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

We offer short-term, supportive housing for young people transitioning out of foster care or homelessness. Programs include Host Homes, which connects young people with supportive adults in our community, and our six transitional housing sites throughout King County.



### RENTAL ASSISTANCE

We offer support to young people to help them obtain and maintain safe and stable housing. This includes eviction prevention services, housing vouchers, financial subsidies, and case management to ensure they can maintain independence and not fall back into homelessness.



### TRANSITION PLANNING

We prepare young people for adulthood by teaching life skills that will help them become independent. Our YV Lifeset and Independent Living programs provide intensive case management to young people who are preparing to age out or who have recently aged out of foster care.



### PERMANENT HOUSING

We help young people find and secure long-term housing by providing specialized support to young parents, former foster youth, and young adults who have experienced homelessness.

  
**4 out of 5**

young people in our transitional housing program for six months or more found safe, stable, long-term housing.



Participants demonstrated an overall 18 percent increase in independence during their time in our programs.

**“If I wasn’t connected with the YMCA, I would probably have a lack of knowledge, and would be on the street. The YMCA is a great place to prevent things like that from happening.”**

**- Housing Program Participant**