

2024 State Legislative Priorities

Hopelink is a nonprofit organization working to end poverty in North and East King County. As a Community Action Agency, we support an estimated 50,000 people every year, through programs and resources that are the foundation of the stability needed to exit poverty. To support Hopelink's vision of a community free of poverty, we identify and support the implementation of policies that seek to address the root causes of poverty, including systemic racism.

Community members are challenged to meet their basic needs. Individuals and families living in poverty need access to such vital services as housing, healthcare, transportation, financial assistance, employment programs, as well as access to healthy food, to ensure stability.



Benefit programs are a lifeline to struggling families.

Many Washington families rely on benefit programs like TANF to regain stability after hardship, but some families pass on higher paying job opportunities for fear of losing much needed benefits. Providing opportunities for families to have a bridge for benefits during periods of eligibility transition allows them to achieve greater economic stability.



Addressing food insecurity is critical to overall stability.

People experiencing food insecurities will often forgo other critical needs to keep food on the table, exacerbating related challenges like housing security, consistent health care, and other basic needs. We support investments in food banks / food markets like ours help to address food insecurity, while also making deeper investments in programs like SNAP, school meals, and resources that allow for greater access to culturally relevant foods and fresh food options.



Affordable housing is key to household security and avoiding displacement.

We support investments to increase the supply of affordable housing, particularly near transit, subsidies to help families remain securely housed, and policies to address exclusionary zoning practices that have resulted in systemic inequities in housing access.



Our communities need robust transit and transportation options.

Hopelink firmly believes that mobility is an inherent right for all, and we are committed to advocating for equitable, accessible, affordable, dependable, and safe mobility and infrastructure policies throughout Washington State.



All Washingtonians should have access to healthcare that meets their needs.

We support increasing access to quality and affordable health care, minimizing barriers that prevent access, and improving services to be more culturally and linguistically competent, as well as increased funding for programs that remove barriers to health equity. Additionally, we support efforts to build out robust community behavioral health and crisis response systems. We support investments in community behavioral health, crisis response, and workforce so our state can better support those who are in crisis and struggling with ongoing behavioral health concerns.

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