

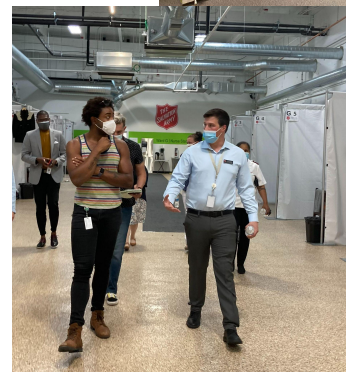
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

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- **Independent agency** working to reduce unsheltered homelessness in all 39 cities across King County
- **Coordinating and unifying** funding, policy, data, metrics, oversight and accountability in homelessness services
- **Housing First = Housing + Services**, because the stability of housing is what allows services like treatment or job training to be successful



Theory of Change

If we create a homeless response system
that **centers the voices of people with
lived experience**,

Then we will be able to meet needs and
eliminate inequities,

In order to end homelessness for all.



OUR COMMUNITY IS A LEADER ON INNOVATING EFFECTIVE PATHS TO HOUSING:

Progress to Date

More than

5,700

individuals, couples, and families have moved from homelessness into permanent housing since the beginning of 2022.

1,385

individuals, couples, and families have long-term leases through new federally-funded Emergency Housing Vouchers.

192

individuals have moved to permanent housing through partnership with WSDOT on the State Right of Way Safety Initiative.

8

encampment sites fully resolved, bringing 376 people inside.

167

individuals previously unsheltered in Seattle's downtown and Chinatown International District have come inside through Partnership for Zero in collaboration with the City of Seattle, King County, We Are In, and business partners.

7,611

additional units of affordable housing are likely to be available in 2023.

1,778

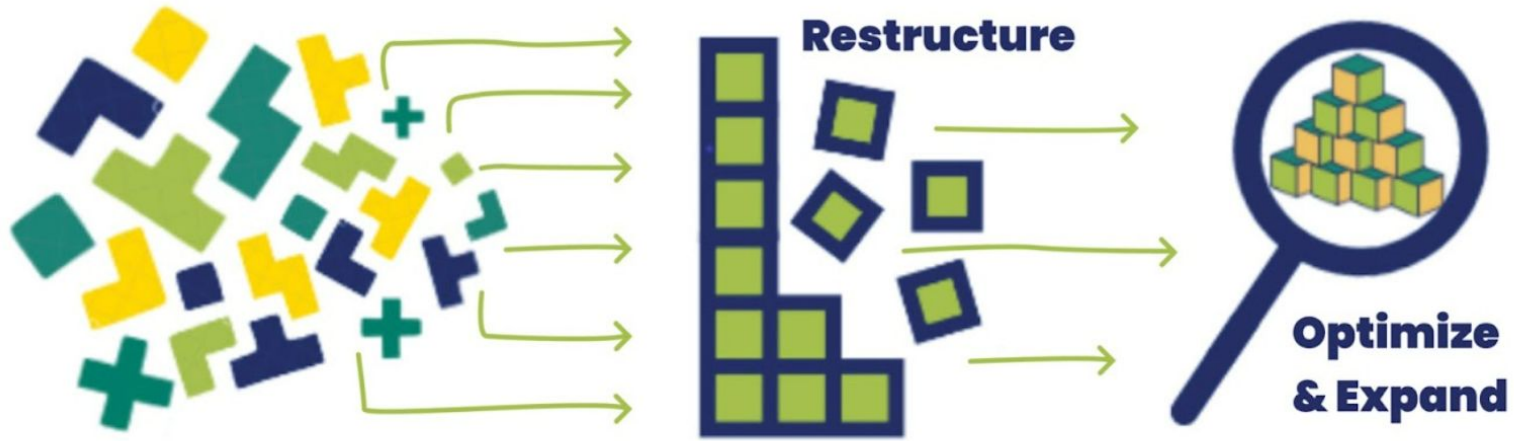
units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) were opened by the City of Seattle and King County since January 2022, with an additional 1,550 units in the pipeline, thanks in part to King County's Health Through Housing program.



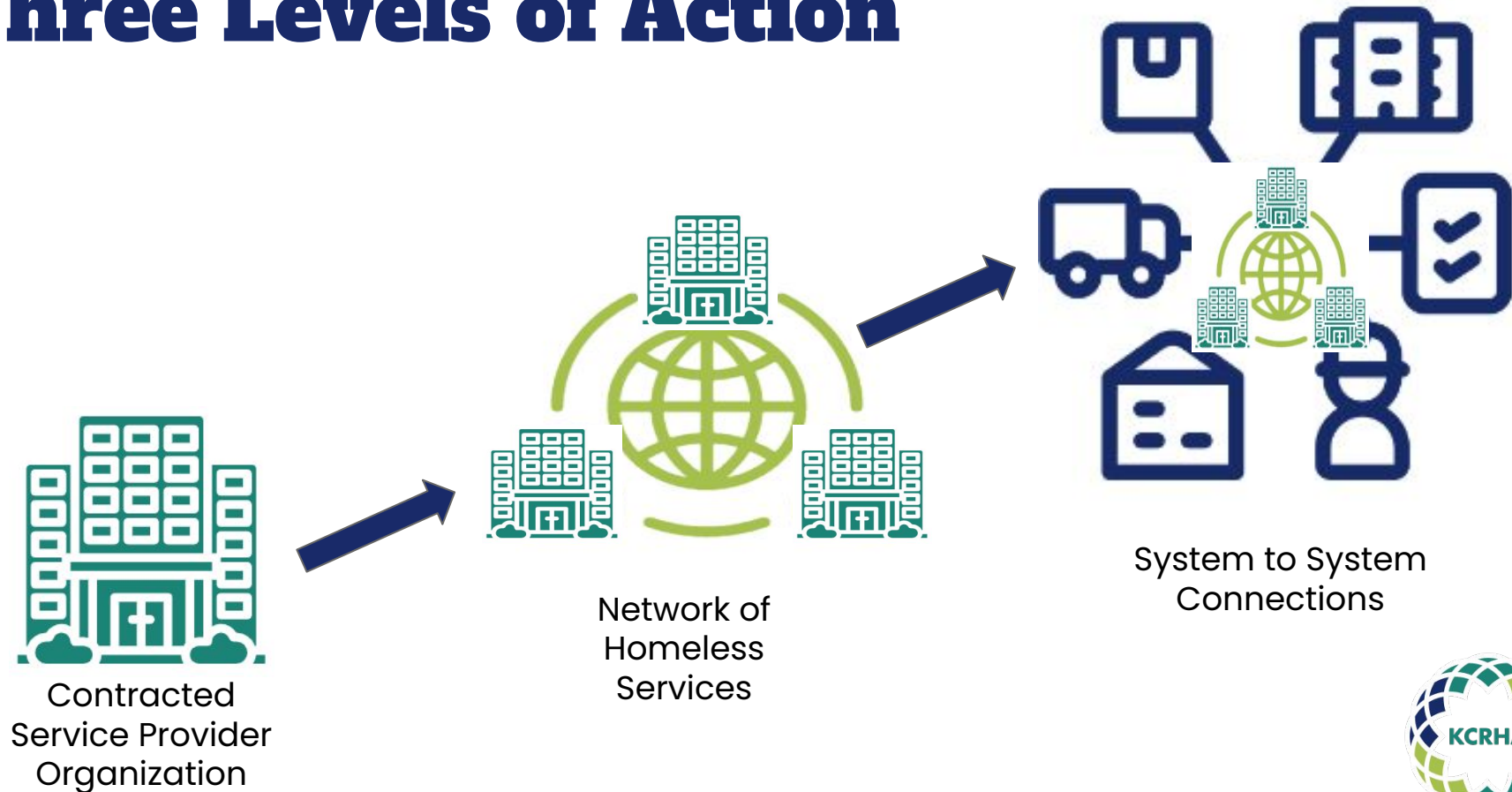
5-Year Plan

**Our path forward
to dramatically
reduce unsheltered
homelessness.**

Fragmentation ➡ Coherent System



Three Levels of Action





**Our focus is on
bringing individuals,
couples, young
people and families
experiencing unsheltered
homelessness now,
INSIDE.**

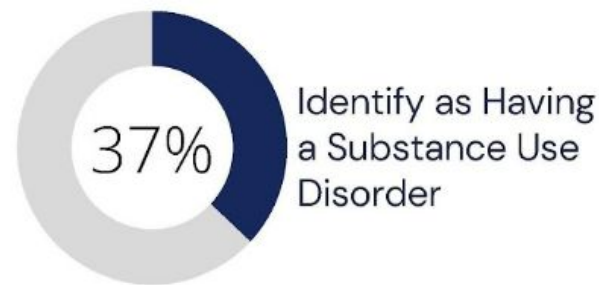
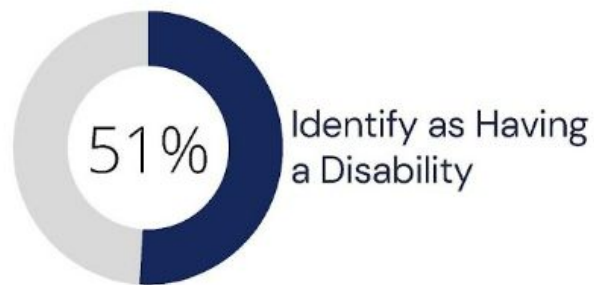
Every Person Has A Story

This is Marie:

- Worked at a restaurant
- Family medical emergency
- Time off work
- Husband died
- Lost job
- Evicted
- Led to substance use
- 5 years on the street
- Now in KCRHA-funded housing
- Says she “feels like a real person again”



Disability, Mental Health & Substance Use



Data from the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, which included 600+ interviews with people experiencing homelessness across King County



Keys to Making Progress



Include people
with lived
experience of
homelessness
In all decisions



Site-by-site
prioritization
using all
available
resources

Daily situation
reports



Intensive
Outreach

By-Name List

Match
people with
housing and
services



Partner with
City, County,
State, and
Non-profit
agencies and
service
providers



Invest in
temporary &
permanent
housing to
meet the need





5-YEAR ACTION PLAN SUMMARY

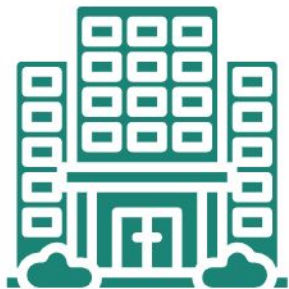
ONE: Optimize funding to do more with what is available now.

- Use of Federal Medicaid funding.
- Ensuring we're directing the resources we have to support the most proven, effective providers.
- Partnering with Cities to consolidate funding, improving coordination and efficiency.

TWO: Leverage additional resources:

- New and additional federal funding.
- New and continued state funding.
- Business and philanthropic partnerships.

Success Looks Like



Every service provider has the skilled staff, tools, and support to implement best practices and achieve better outcomes



Coordination through shared data and accountability, geographic accessibility across King County and meeting the needs of disproportionately impacted populations



Systems like education, public health, behavioral health, and public safety collaborate to address and prevent homelessness

What You Can Do:

Recognize homelessness as systems failure and share accurate information

Give time, money, clothes or food to your local shelter
Call them to ask them what they need

Say YES to more safe places for people to live
Including new shelters, temporary and permanent housing, zoning changes, incentives, and allowing mixed-incomes in every neighborhood





**Solving
homelessness
will take
all of us.**

Thank You

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