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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Report from Seattle Human Services (HSD). This report presents a snapshot of how we show up for community while elevating providers and organizations representative of the partnerships that make our work possible.

Our mission is simple: to connect people with resources and solutions during times of need so we can all live, learn, work, and take part in strong, healthy communities. We cannot do this alone. Throughout these pages you'll learn of the vital role community-based organizations play alongside HSD.

HSD serves people at every stage of life. We are a funder, a convener, and a direct service provider—striving to uplift people with tools and resources to build towards stability.

I am proud of what we accomplished together in 2024, including:

- Nearly **60,000** free, nutritious meals and snacks served to kids 18 and under at 60 sites as part of the Summer Food Service Program;
- **240,531** dental, medical, and/



HSD staff on Denim Day, part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 2024.

or mental health visits provided to low-income and vulnerable residents as part of our investment in public health;

- **2.8 million** meals served to low-income and vulnerable populations and **34,000** Good Food bags filled with fresh produce delivered to local preschools; and
- **20,527** people assisted through Community Living Connections, a resource hotline for older adults and people with disabilities.
- **\$12 million** awarded over seven competitive funding processes for programs and services, including

meals, kinship care, unsheltered outreach, and gender-based violence supports.

None of this would be possible without our team of staff and community partners. Their dedication, creativity, and care for community inspires me daily.

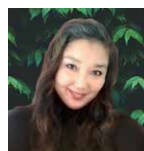
Looking ahead, HSD will build on these successes and adapt to best meet our community's changing needs. We will continue our commitment to equity, safety, and well-being, so everyone in our service reach can thrive.

— Tanya Kim

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



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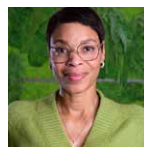
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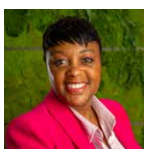
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ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is one of the largest contributors to Seattle's safety net, investing hundreds of millions of dollars in community organizations and direct service providers. The department's 400-plus employees are organized into five divisions:

- Youth and Family Empowerment (YFE)
- Safe and Thriving Communities (STC)
- Aging and Disability Services (ADS)
- Homelessness (HOM)
- Leadership and Administrative Division (LAD)

HSD works alongside community and cross-jurisdictional partners to ensure Seattle residents can meet their basic needs.

In 2024, HSD's expenditures totaled **\$382.8 million**, and the department maintained contracts with 190 organizations delivering services in six core impact areas (see chart). Altogether, these investments support the

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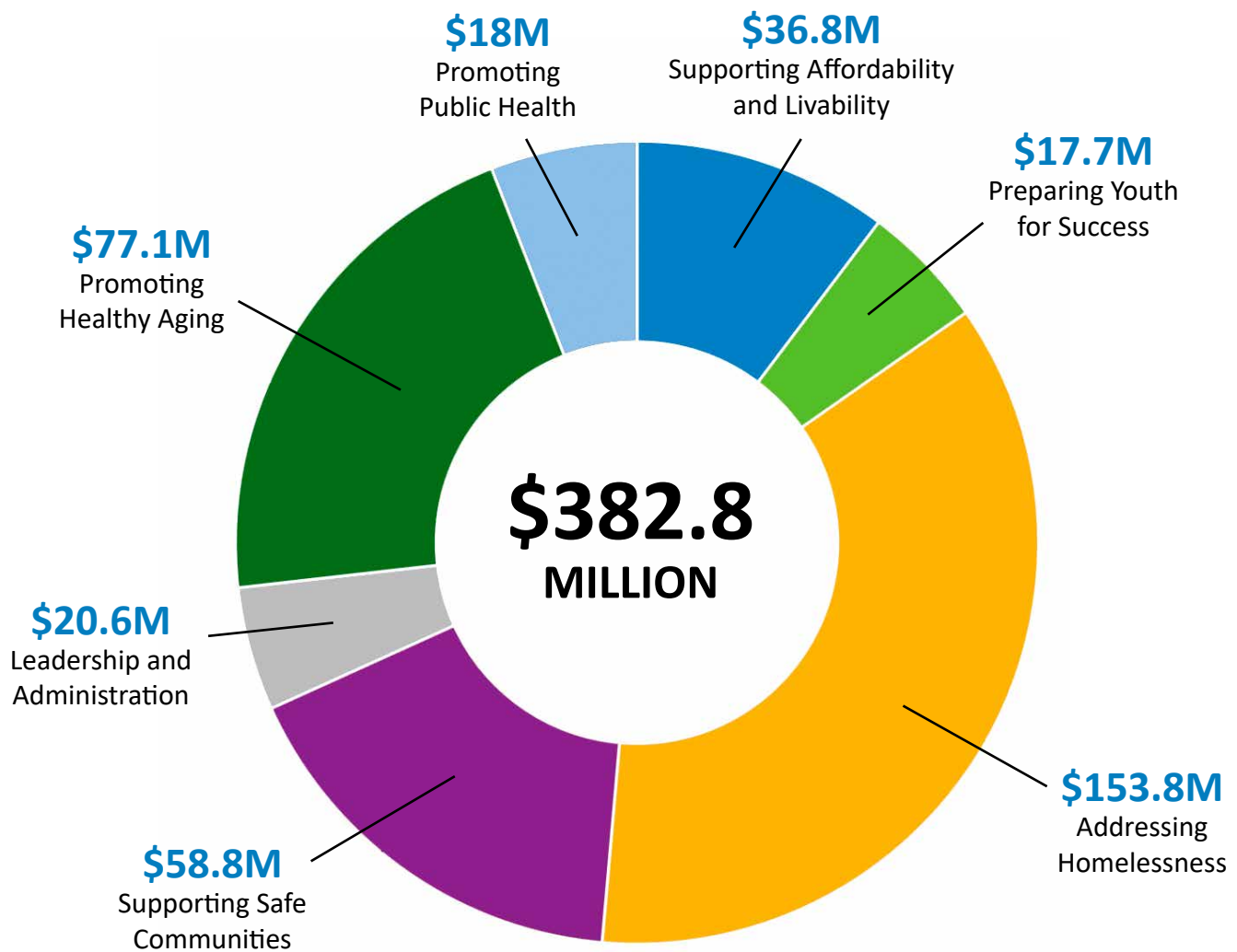
community and individual through every stage of life.

In alignment with the City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative, HSD is committed to advancing racial equity and social justice as a cornerstone in all aspects of planning, funding, and provision of direct services. HSD seeks to ensure that its funding processes, programs, and policy decisions foster accountability and trust between our department and the diverse communities we serve.





HUMAN SERVICES INVESTMENT



BY THE NUMBERS

- **HSD 2024 Expenditures:** \$382.8 million
- **Employees:** 400+
- **Contracts:** 190+ community-based organizations (80% of budget)
- **Funding Sources:**
 - City General Fund
 - Sweetened Beverage tax revenues
 - Short Term Rental tax revenues
 - Payroll Tax Fund
 - Federal, State, and Inter-Local Grants (24% of budget)

SUPPORTING SAFE COMMUNITIES



All people living in Seattle are free from violence and harm.

People thrive when their personal lives and communities are free from violence. In 2024, investments of **\$58.8 million** went toward violence prevention, community safety, and support for crime survivors. At HSD, this work was led by the Safe and Thriving Communities (STC) division.

The Crime Survivor Services Unit supports individuals who experience a broad range of violent assaults, some of which include domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and hate crimes. The unit also supports family members of homicide victims.

Nearly **1,000 people** received support from the Victim Support Team (VST) in 2024. VST advocates and volunteers address immediate safety concerns and offer connections to resources, working in close partnership with the Seattle Police Department and City of Seattle co-responders. In October, **16** new VST volunteers were welcomed into the program following a six-day in-person academy focused on supporting survivors of domestic and sexual assault. The academy featured presentations from City departments including HSD and Seattle Police, as well as a number of community partners.

Within HSD, the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (MODVSA) serves as a funder, community partner, convener, and thought leader. HSD-funded partners delivered **8,359** service engagements related to gender-based violence, such

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS



The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center assists about 5,000 individual survivors and their family members each year via a 24-hour Resource Line (888.99.VOICE) for crisis support and information, and referral to further services.

"KCSARC's partnership with the City of Seattle's HSD is integral to ensuring service access to every survivor, no matter when they choose to speak out."

"Calls to KCSARC spiked following the #MeToo movement. Those calls have not abated in the years since. HSD has helped us keep up with this 'new normal' level of demand."



EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

In April, HSD introduced a localized version of a national reporting tool for survivors of sexual assault called **Seek Then Speak**. In "Seek", users can learn about crime victim rights, advocacy, medical care, forensic exams, and how to report to the Seattle Police Department. "Speak" guides users through a comprehensive interview designed to gather key information about their sexual assault. Learn more and access the tool at **SeekThenSpeakSeattle.com**.



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as therapy, shelter/housing, legal aid, and meeting survivors in their choice of location to provide support. In addition, **1,759** hotline calls were answered from survivors with limited English proficiency (LEP) seeking access to advocacy services. This work is undertaken with a compassionate focus on healing, offering services, and community support.

Following a Mayor's [Executive Order](#) addressing youth gun violence, HSD partnered with Seattle Public Schools, community-based organizations and other government stakeholders to expand conflict mediation services and to increase families' access to basic needs. HSD's school safety

effort invested **\$4.25 million** for a range of prevention and interventions to support students and families at seven focus schools where school safety would be prioritized. Results from this effort included:

2024 AT A GLANCE

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- Expanded safe passages programming, where staff monitor common routes to/from school campuses.
- Piloted case management and conflict mediation services at the seven priority schools.
- Developed a Family Resource Fund that offers a flexible pool of funds available at each focus school.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January is recognized as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, an observance initiated in 2010 to uphold the inherent equality and freedom of all individuals, to foster legislation and protections for survivors, and to promote public awareness and action against human trafficking in all its forms; and



(Top) Mayor Bruce Harrell and the City Council issued a proclamation recognizing January as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month." (Left) "Purple Thursday" was October 17, a national effort to raise awareness about support available to domestic violence survivors. (Right) The 2024 graduates of HSD's Victim Support Team Academy, community volunteers who provide advocacy, safety planning, and resource referrals to families in crisis.

PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

All youth in Seattle successfully transition to adulthood.



Mayor Bruce Harrell joined SYEP interns for the End of Internship Celebration on August 22, 2024.

HSD's Youth and Family Empowerment (YFE) division served more than **2,600 youth and young adults across 48 contracts** in Seattle in 2024. More than half (1,479) of these young people were 14 to 17 years old, demonstrating the need for early engagement and support as they prepare for the next stages in life.

In the 2023-24 program year (October 2023-August 2024), **293 youth** completed skills development in paid opportunities through the Seattle Youth Employment Program (SYEP), including the Learn & Earn and summer internship programs.

During the summer internship, **268 young people** earned a paycheck and valuable on-the-job training through placements with **77 employers** including City departments, King County and dozens of businesses and nonprofit organizations. In mid-August, SYEP interns, supervisors, program staff,

SEATTLE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

and family members celebrated the end of the six-week summer program, highlighting individual achievements by interns.

2024 AT A GLANCE

- **2,671** people were served by Family Support Programs helping to connect to each other and community, and to celebrate unique aspects of their culture.
- **293** youth completed paid skills development opportunities through the Seattle Youth Employment Program.
- Successful SYEP placements **have increased each year** since 2021-22.

Participants in the Learn & Earn: Foundations and Pathways programs identify professional interests, gain marketable skills, and are exposed to various career fields. They also learn interview skills, resume preparation, and cover letter writing. Students can receive stipends based on their participation during the school year.



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Youth mental health was prioritized by the City in 2024. In partnership with the Department of Education and Early Learning, Human Services increased funding to **Joon Care**, an online youth therapy platform shown to reduce anxiety and depression and give young people the practical tools they need to manage stress. (Joon Care therapists, staffers and student advisors are pictured at top right.) Throughout the year, **178 youth** were served by this platform.

In July, SYEP interns gathered for a cohort session that focused on mental health, conflict resolution and active listening and included a panel discussion with representatives from three mental health/behavioral health service providers. Later in the summer, SYEP social media intern Kellz Seamster hosted other interns in a conversation about mental health recorded in the Seattle Channel studio. ([See the video here.](#)) In the discussion, fellow SYEP interns and HSD staff shared their stories and destigmatized the idea of asking for support for mental health.



Through HSD's **Behavioral Health** portfolio, eight partners, including Neighborcare Health and Atlantic Street Center, provided clinical and nonclinical supports to **565 youth ages 8-24** in low-income households. Services aim to lessen social, emotional, and behavioral issues by increasing coping strategies. Participants can receive individual and group counseling, school-year and summer supports, and virtual sessions. Half of the participants (286) reported increased confidence in accessing additional services when dealing with life challenges.

HSD's **Family Support** portfolio centers meaningful family connection and culturally specific services. HSD's theory of change states that for children, strong ties to culture build resilience and improve educational and life outcomes; parents with positive racial identity are more likely to practice culturally affirming parenting. In Voices of Tomorrow's Community-Centered Healing Program, families reported having access to better tools to address school stress and requested longer sessions. In 2024, **22 contracts supported more than 2,800 people.**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS



The Atlantic Street Center supports diverse in-need families and youth. Its programs encompass behavioral health, early learning opportunities, after-school assistance, family support groups, and more.

"Through our partnership with HSD, we can meet young people literally where they are and provide them opportunities to learn useful social-emotional skills that center around their interests."

SUPPORTING AFFORDABILITY & LIVABILITY



All people living in Seattle are able to meet their basic needs.



A Seattle Preschool Program student picks out a Good Food Bag to take home. The Seattle Farm to Preschool Program brings sustainably grown foods from local farmers to local preschools to improve access to nourishing food and cultivate an equitable food system. (Photo courtesy of the Tilth Alliance)

Human Services offers programs that help ensure all people living in Seattle are able to meet their basic needs. In 2024, rising costs put added pressure on household budgets, making it more difficult to pay for housing, food, utilities, and child care. HSD's Youth and Family Empowerment (YFE) division funded programs that help make Seattle a more inclusive city where people of varying incomes can afford to live.

The Utility Discount Program—managed by HSD in partnership with Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities—provided an average 60 percent discount to **more than 34,000 income-qualified** Seattle households in 2024, **8,318** of whom were new to the program.

HSD's hunger relief efforts include providing meals at senior centers, shelters and housing programs, and groceries at food banks and schools. **More than 2.8 million meals** were served to low-income and vulnerable populations in 2024. By collaborating with Food Lifeline and the City-funded bulk buy program, HSD distributed more than **546,000 pounds of food** to meal programs and food banks.

The Seattle Farm to Preschool Program, a partnership between HSD and community agriculture organizations, delivered **34,000 Good Food bags filled with fresh produce** to preschools around Seattle,

generating \$300,000 in sales for local farmers.

In late 2024, HSD helped launch and support the City's updated [Food Action Plan](#), with a focus on strategies tied to Community Food Security. Actions identified in the report include:

- Strengthen the capacity of meal programs and food banks,
- Strengthen disaster preparedness efforts,
- Sustain and strengthen food/meal programming for older adults,
- Prioritize access to nutritious and locally grown food served in preschools, and
- Prioritize food access for unsheltered populations.

The Community Connectors program provides resource navigation at 10 food banks including Byrd Barr Place and El Centro de la Raza. The goal is to help people connect with other support services and build self-sufficiency. In 2024, community-based partners served **more than 4,300 clients** through this program.

2024 AT A GLANCE

- **833,931 food pantry visits** made by Seattle residents in need in 2024, a nearly 8 percent increase from 2023.
- **138,457 home food deliveries** provided to Seattle residents in 2024, a 20 percent increase from the previous year.
- **157,966 food backpacks** distributed to Seattle students in grades K-12 in 2024, a more than 20 percent increase from 2023.



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In partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation, United Way of King County, the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and others, the Summer Food Service Program provided nearly **60,000 free, nutritious meals and snacks to kids** 18 and under at 60 sites across the city of Seattle.

In July, HSD's YFE division hosted a Summer Food Service celebration at Jefferson Park that included kid-friendly activities like a bouncy house, face painting, and more. The Summer Food Service Program isn't

just about providing meals, it's about sustaining a community's health and vitality during the summer months.

"Operation of the Summer Food Service Program provides continuity between one school year and the next for school-age youth who normally receive breakfasts, lunches, or snacks at school," explains Derryn Anderson, recreation center coordinator at Garfield Community Center. This continuity is crucial in preventing summer learning loss and ensuring that all children return to school ready to learn.

PROMOTING THE UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

In October, HSD hosted the 2024 Energy, Utility, and Resource Summit in partnership with Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities. The event convened more than 150 representatives from City departments and community partners to learn about updates to City utility assistance programs and how they benefit income-qualified customers.

FamilyWorks received a recognition award (pictured above) for partnering with the Utility Discount Program to conduct in-person monthly sessions to help households navigate language barriers or eligibility questions apply for utility assistance.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS

OSL Serves provides no-cost, culturally relevant meals to shelters, tiny house villages, permanent supportive housing units, and other organizations needing nutritional support. They prepare, deliver, and serve 6,000-7,000 meals each day; more than 2 million meals annually. In their words:

"Our partnership with the Seattle Human Services... has been the singular most important partnership we have had."

"It has been a long, and not always easy, education. HSD held our hands, honored our work, and allowed us to feel appreciated."



OSL Serves provided free, warm meals outside Seattle City Hall for Thanksgiving 2024.

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

All people living in Seattle are housed.

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) oversees the City's homelessness reduction investments through its oversight and collaborative role with King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA). Under this partnership, KCRHA uses City funding to provide homelessness services such as emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing. HSD also coordinates with KCRHA on its severe weather response to ensure unsheltered individuals have access to City facilities during severe or unsafe weather events. In 2024, expenditures on homelessness services totaled **\$153.8 million**.



HSD also began managing eviction prevention in 2024 as part of the City's multi-pronged approach to addressing homelessness. These contracts provide rental assistance, flexible funding, and short-term case management to help people avoid a housing crisis. **Funded at \$4.9 million** in 2025, this work is delivered by 11 agencies including YWCA, Chief Seattle Club, El Centro de la Raza, and St. Vincent de Paul.

HSD also engages directly with the Unified Care Team (UCT)—more than a dozen City departments working together to ensure Seattle's public spaces, sidewalks, and streets remain open and accessible to all—on outreach at prioritized encampment sites to help people move into safer spaces. HSD's primary role in the UCT is shelter outreach: a team of Regional

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS



As the largest family emergency shelter and services provider in King County, **Mary's Place** works with thousands of families with children facing or experiencing homelessness to help them find safe, stable, affordable housing. In their words:

"Funding from Seattle Human Services keeps the doors open at the Allen Family Center in south Seattle, one of the only drop-in centers focused on the unique needs of families experiencing housing insecurity."

"The Allen Family Center offers housing services, including shelter referral, housing support, and social service navigation, and serves as a home base for the Mary's Place outreach team."

Coordinators engage daily with unsheltered neighbors, works with KCRHA to secure same-day access to shelter beds, and connects people to resources that support stabilization and longer-term housing goals.

In 2024, **7,565 offers of shelter** were extended, and **1,884 were accepted**. To improve outreach and services acceptance, HSD's homelessness division led a

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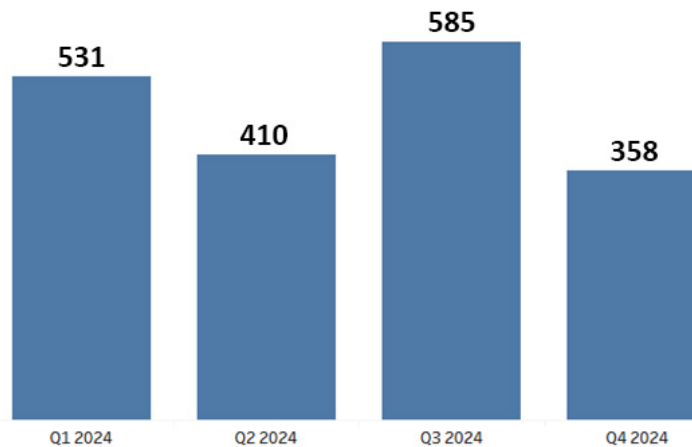
competitive process to fund a new service district-based outreach model. Nine agencies were awarded **\$5.9 million** to begin work in 2025. This new team-based model will align closely with the UCT to ensure all of Seattle's communities have access to the following:

- Street-based Care Coordination
- Vehicle Residency Outreach
- Behavioral/Mental Health Outreach
- Population-Specific Outreach

HSD also collaborates with KCRHA to relocate, preserve, and launch new shelter programs. In 2024 this included the successful relocation of the Chief Seattle Club's Eagle Village to maintain culturally attuned shelter options and beginning efforts to launch the new behavioral health-centered STAR Center shelter in 2025.

As Washington state mobilized to address the needs of incoming migrant communities, HSD led the City's short-term humanitarian response by connecting **more than 200 asylum seekers to emergency housing**.

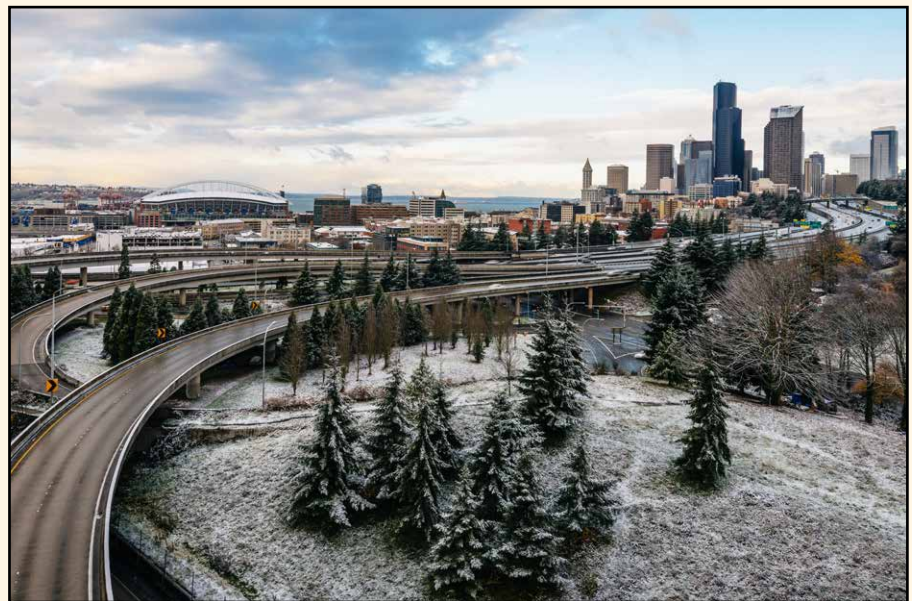
In July 2024, HSD entered into an agreement with the state's Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance, to support families and children under 18 through the Washington Migrant and Asylum Seeker Support (WA MASS) program. WA MASS connected more than 20 agencies to provide basic needs including case management, emergency housing, and transitional housing assistance.



Bringing People Indoors

Accepted offers resulting in referral to shelter. More information is available at the [Homelessness Action Portal](#).

SEVERE WEATHER RESPONSE



In January, a cold snap with freezing temperatures prompted KCRHA to active Tier 3 severe weather protocols. Between January 11-17, emergency shelters operated by the Salvation Army opened at City Hall and Exhibition Hall, providing refuge to 1,650 people experiencing homelessness (duplicated).

Amid rising temperatures in July, KCRHA and the Unified Care Team (UTC) conducted outreach in the field to keep un-housed individuals safe, including setting up cooling tents, providing water, sharing information on cooling center locations, and making referrals into shelter.

PROMOTING HEALTHY AGING



All older adults experience stable health and are able to age in place.

HSD's Aging and Disability Services (ADS) division is designated by state and federal governments as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Seattle and King County. ADS funds and delivers a variety of long-term services and supports for older adults, family caregivers, and people with disabilities. In 2024, this investment totaled **\$77.1 million**.

King County's population is growing and aging. Estimates indicate that, by 2050, the adults aged 85+ population will increase more than 300 percent. In the future, the older-adult population will be increasingly more diverse.

In 2024, providers and partner organizations provided **372,879 congregate meals** served to 14,593 individuals, as well as **406,954 home-delivered meals** served to 2,016 individuals.

Throughout the year, HSD's ADS division led competitive processes to strengthen supports that help priority populations age in community. **Nearly \$5.9 million in awards** will fund congregate meals in community settings; Community Living Connections to link people to benefits, programs, and care; supportive resources and connections for kinship caregivers; and respite care that provides short-term help with daily living activities. Over the next four years these investments will help reduce isolation, ease caregiver strain, and make it simpler for residents to get the right help at the right time.



Community Living Connections, a confidential information and community resource hotline, was utilized by 20,527 people. In addition, **15,383 long-term care assessments** were completed and 298 clients received Care Transitions services for efficient discharge to home or other care settings.

ADS investments span **more than 100 programs** that help support cultural and language appropriate services for people in diverse communities in King County.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS



The Chinese Information and Service Center supports immigrants and their families by creating opportunities for them to succeed while honoring their heritage. They provide information, referral, advocacy, social, and support services. In their words:

"Our partnership with Seattle Human Services (HSD) is crucial in enabling us to provide comprehensive support to our community."

"We improve the quality of life for older adults through our long-term care programs and senior center activities. We bring community members together to make new social connections, learn about health and wellness topics, and celebrate cultural traditions."



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Age Friendly Seattle is a citywide initiative that aims to make our community a great place to grow up and grow old. In 2024, Age Friendly Seattle remained focused on supporting older adults' health, economic security, and social connectivity. Highlights include:

- **Grew the Age Friendly Discount Program** by ramping up outreach efforts and adding **50+ new businesses** to the



Discount Directory. In 2024, Age Friendly Seattle nearly doubled the number of older adults utilizing the program, **distributing 10,000 cards** to partner organizations and processing more than **6,000 online applications**.

- **Launched a public anti-ageism training** that covers ageist biases, demographic trends, and tips for being more anti-ageist in personal and professional spaces.

- **Advanced innovation in caregiving** with a pilot project exploring ways to support caregiving professionals and ensure older adults get the care they need.
- **Hosted 11 Civic Coffee events** that brought expert speakers to audiences of older adults across Seattle.
- **Began a Social Connectivity Network** to share strategies and explore shared goals for addressing the growing health crisis of loneliness and social isolation.

ADVOCATING FOR OLDER ADULTS



The Seattle-King County Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services: Chartered under the Older Americans Act of 1965, 21 members of the ADS Advisory Council guide planning and funding decisions and advocate on behalf of older adults in King County.

In 2024, the ADS Advisory Council advocated for state investments like senior nutrition programs and the statewide Property Tax Exemption for older adults, veterans, and people with disabilities. In addition, it continued to educate older adults via its monthly e-zine [AgeWise King County](#).

SUPPORTING FAMILY CAREGIVERS



The Mayor's Council on African American Elders: Created in 1995, 12 members of the MCAAE advocate for accessible, culturally appropriate, comprehensive services with a focus on people of African descent who are aged 55+ and isolated, frail, and low-income.

On November 2, the MCAAE joined ADS in hosting the 2024 Legacy of Love: African American Caregivers Forum at the Northwest African American Museum. Dozens of caregivers shared the challenges and joys in caring for loved ones and celebrated their vital role in our communities.

PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH

All people living in Seattle experience optimum health conditions.

Under an interlocal agreement with King County, the City of Seattle invests funds in Public Health—Seattle & King County to supplement core public health services. The goal of this investment, which totaled **\$18 million in 2024**, is that all people living in Seattle experience optimum health conditions.

In 2024, **731 people received medical care** through the Mobile Medical Van, and **240,531 dental, medical, and/or mental health visits** were provided to low-income and vulnerable residents.

HSD's partnership with the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) as part of their Mobile Integrated Health Program continued in 2024. Health One supports frequent 911 callers with non-emergent medical needs, complex behavioral health issues, and social needs. The Health 98 and Health 99 overdose response teams provide follow-up outreach to overdose survivors to help connect them to service acceptance, including treatment. HSD case managers play a critical role in both cases, accompanying firefighter/EMTs in the field



Health One team members (from left) Lieutenant Jeff Miller, HSD Case Manager Riley De Hoog, and Firefighter/EMT Will Whatley.

to help identify client needs and connect them to care.

In February, Seattle launched a pilot making it the first U.S. city to allow paramedics to administer buprenorphine in the field. The

medication eases withdrawal for those experiencing acute withdrawal symptoms or after a non-fatal overdose. As a result, case managers are better able to engage clients to treatment and support.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS

The African American Reach & Teach Health Ministry provides education, trainings, and other resources on health issues that disproportionately effect people of African descent and other marginalized communities. In their words:

“Seattle Human Services supporting these efforts helps build stronger, healthier communities, reduces health disparities, and promotes health equity.”



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Expanding support for people recovering from substance use disorder was a major priority for HSD and the City in 2024. In May, Mayor Bruce Harrell announced a major investment using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for facility improvements for organizations providing treatment, post-overdose care, opioid medication delivery, and case management services. As part of the announcement, DESC shared plans to renovate a portion of the former Morrison Hotel in downtown Seattle, into the Opioid Recovery and Care Access (ORCA) Center. **The City's CDBG allocation accounted for \$3.4 million**, making the City of Seattle the largest funder of the



HSD and state and federal partners joined Mayor Bruce Harrell at the May 9 announcement of the investment in facility upgrades for substance use treatment and care in downtown Seattle.

renovation effort, that included, City, County and State funding. The ORCA Center will provide urgent,

compassionate care for individuals who are suffering from an overdose and/or want to start treatment.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: IN THEIR WORDS

Sea Mar Community Health Centers provides quality, comprehensive health, human, housing, educational and cultural services to diverse communities, specializing in service to Latinos. Its network of services includes more than 90 medical, dental, and behavioral health clinics. In their words:



“Seattle Human Services helps us carry out our mission to provide services and assistance to underserved communities.”

“The funding we receive through Public Health—Seattle & King County... supports access to medical and dental services for uninsured and underinsured individuals.”



Seattle Human Services

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