Homeward House is a house in Everett where all five focus areas—Post-Secondary & Employment Pathways, Early Childhood Education, Economic Assets, Social Capital and Health & Well-Being—exist in one physical location.

- Birth parents and baby have supervised visitation in a single-setting, allowing for an environment more conducive to bonding and attachment.
- Collaborative services are provided onsite, reducing potential barriers to access services. This can include parenting classes, infant massage, and mental health services.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

1. Child physical and emotional health develops appropriately.
2. Parent is motivated to climb career ladder.
3. Family is empowered and stable.
4. Family is connected with economic, social, and/or other supports.
5. Educational success becomes a core family value.

**HOW THE COLLABORATIVE WORKS**

**THE FAMILY EXPERIENCE**

Entry point is Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett.

1. Mother and baby test positive for opiates.
2. Hospital social worker is contacted.
3. Hospital social worker calls Collaborative coordinator.
4. Coordinator connects parents to parent ally mentors through Parents for Parents (P4P) at YWCA.
5. P4P mentors with lived experience build relationship with birth parents.
6. Child is separated from birth parents.
7. Within 72 hours, case is heard in court, with support of P4P allies.
8. Plan is developed with the influence of legal counsel, a Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) representative, and the parent ally mentor. Through this collaborative approach, family’s plan includes Homeward House.

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS**

- YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish Parents for Parents
- Snohomish Health District Center for Human Services
- Providence Regional Medical Center Everett
- Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington
- YWCA- Shelter Plus Care & Project Reunite
- Catholic Community Services
- Snohomish County Superior Court, Family & Juvenile
- Court Improvement Program, Denney Juvenile Justice Center (DJJC)
- Sherwood Community Services
- Domestic Violence Services
- Table of Ten & Superior Court Judges
- ChildStrive
- DSHS-Children's Administration
- Early Intervention Program
- Housing Hope
- Alliance for Child Welfare
- Excellence University of Washington
- Bridgeways-Employment Services
- Ideal Option
- United Way of Snohomish County

*Existing steps, navigated alone in our current, confusing system and culminating in a plan without family input.*

*Additional, new steps indicating the work of Homeward House Collaborative that help both baby and family.*