

# 2016-2017 Funded Programs

## Catholic Community Services

*Family and Children's Services* - The primary goal of Family & Children's Services foster care program is to provide care for children ages birth through seventeen who have suffered abuse and/or neglect. We provide safe, nurturing out of home placement in licensed foster homes until a permanent "forever family" is identified.

*Supportive Housing Program* - Our housing programs provide a variety of housing options with case management to the most vulnerable in the community, including chronically homeless individuals and families (an individual is considered a family for our programs); Veterans and their families; parents struggling with substance use; households living with HIV/AIDS; youth aging out of foster care and/or in transitional housing; and households exiting institutions into homelessness. Housing options consist of rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, transitional and permanent supportive housing.

*Short Term Mental Health Case Management* - This program identifies and assists individuals who live in Snohomish County who are actively experiencing a mental health crisis. They are at risk for hospitalization, incarceration, or recurrent mental health crisis episodes and have no current means of paying for needed services. Our goal is to aid clients with applying for appropriate benefits and/or linkages to ongoing community-based care. Once mental health stability is initiated, the client is less likely to remain a high utilizer of hospitals and jails and is better prepared for employment opportunities and sustained self-sufficiency.

*Volunteer Transportation* - Volunteer Transportation provides safe and reliable transportation for low-income elders, disabled adults, and disabled veterans living in Snohomish County. A group of dedicated volunteers provide our clients access to medical appointments and other essential errands both within Snohomish County and across county borders. Trips destinations include the Seattle Veterans Hospital, Harborview, Northwest Hospital, and local community based outpatient services and medical clinics.

## Center for Human Services

*Snohomish County Mental Health Program* - CHS provides mental health services that are school-based, in-home, or site-based at our Mountlake Terrace office. We treat a variety of issues, including but not limited to depression, anxiety, and trauma. Our clinicians are trained in evidence-based practices and use interventions that are attachment and trauma-informed. We work closely with our community partners and the client's family in order to provide client-centered treatment. We work with individuals from birth to age 21.

## ChildStrive

*Early Intervention* - Early Intervention serves children birth to three years of age with disabilities or delays and their parents. Services are provided in the child's home or other community location utilizing parent coaching and reflective questioning. Physical and Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, Educators and Counselors or Social Worker provide services designed to help parents know how to support the optimum development of their children and to help them build competence and confidence in their parenting.

*Outreach to High Risk Populations* - ChildStrive's Outreach to High Risk Populations provides support and consultation to parents and caregivers at homeless family shelters, Tomorrow's Hope Childcare, Tulalip Early Learning Academy; and provides weekly Early Learning Play Group at ChildStrive's Children's Village on Casino Rd. Outreach helps parents who are vulnerable due to factors like homelessness, poverty, and drug and alcohol abuse, as well as staff who work with these families, learn how to support the development of their children. It also provides screening and referral to resources for children with delays.

## Cocoon House

Emergency Shelter - Cocoon House provides the only two shelters in Snohomish County exclusively serving those 18 and under. Operating 24/7, residents receive counseling, substance abuse treatment, health care, food, education and job readiness assistance. The goal is to place each resident in a safe, stable living arrangement within two weeks. If not possible, they transition to a long-term facility. Our systematic approach and personalized support provide our clients with the tools of self-sufficiency, and is often the best living situation available to them.

Homeless Prevention - ProjectSAFE and WayOUT are the two prevention programs employed at Cocoon House. Rather than viewing teen homelessness as solely a teen problem, we recognize the role that the family plays. Most of the time conflict contributes to teen homelessness; but where a clash of personalities could destroy a family, improved communication skills could save it. We offer telephonic counseling sessions and in-person seminars for parents to build emotional support and communication skills. Through WayOUT, we offer intensive 13-hour seminars for parents and teens to build two-way communication skills.

Long-Term Transitional Housing/Shelter - Cocoon House operates two long-term transitional houses in Snohomish County. Our 20-bed facility in Everett offers teens the chance to develop the skills of independent living and make positive progress toward educational, vocational, and health-related goals. Our 5-bed facility in Arlington offers similar services, but exclusively to pregnant or parenting teen moms. Teens have the opportunity to live with their babies while learning valuable parenting skills and building their capacity as both self-sufficient young adults and as supportive parents.

Outreach/U-Turn - The Cocoon House Outreach Program and U-Turn Drop In Center are a consistent resource for homeless youth and young adults to practice regular self-care by participating in discussion groups, maintaining personal hygiene, continuing education, learning new job skills, and conducting job searches. Participants have access to peer mentors who have been in their position and can guide them through their transition off the street. Moreover, participants in our outreach program have a markedly increased employability rate which is a decisive factor in making such a transition.

## Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County

Supportive Housing - DVSSC's supportive housing program provides case management and support services, in conjunction with a range of housing models, to victims of domestic violence and their children. Housing models include Everett Housing Authority subsidized apartments, scattered-site private market rentals, and transitional housing, as well as financial assistance for homelessness prevention. Participants receive housing subsidies and support services for one to 24 months, depending on the housing model and their specific needs and barriers, with the goal of stable permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

## Friends of Youth

New Ground Everett - At New Ground Everett, homeless young adults develop independent living skills, pursue education and employment, learn better ways to interact with others, manage life's stresses and successfully move onto their own safe and stable housing. Residents may stay for up to 18 months, have access to staff 24-hours a day, and work closely with a case manager and employment specialist to become healthy and self-sufficient adults, thriving in their own stable housing. New Ground Everett provides transitional housing and supportive services for up to 12 homeless young adults, ages 18 to 21, at a time.

## [Greater Trinity Academy](#)

*Pre-School and Kindergarten Readiness Program* - Greater Trinity Academy's Pre-School and Kindergarten Readiness Program provides full-day, year-round, high-quality early learning and development opportunities to 45 children starting at age 2 1/2 years old through Kindergarten. GTA's mission is to eliminate the achievement gap for at-risk children and our team is committed to accepting ALL children into our care regardless of their family's ability to pay or any behavioral issues of their child. Fully 85% of our Kindergarten graduates enter school above grade level academically and excel in their ability to pay attention in school.

## [Hand in Hand](#)

*Safe Place* - Safe Place is Snohomish County's only emergency shelter for abused and neglected children under 13 (and their siblings under 18) who have been forcibly removed from their homes by Child Protective Services and are waiting to be placed with a foster family or relative. At Safe Place children receive hot meals, baths, a clean change of clothes, a health screening, medical care, and one on one comfort and care from our trained staff and volunteers. We are the only program in our county to provide a medical screening within the first 24 hours of a child's removal from their homes.

*Village Impact Project* - Village Impact Project serves low-income, immigrant families in South Everett facing job, housing and food security issues. The services we provide address the holistic needs of the family. First we stabilize families in crisis situations with emergency food, clothing, rent assistance and basic needs. We then educate and resource them with wrap around services and supports through our partner agencies to help get them on a path to self-sufficiency and ensure a strong healthy start for their children.

## [Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center](#)

*Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS)* - HSDC's Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services work individually with people with hearing loss, as well as with communities and workplaces, to remove communication barriers and empower our clients to be self-sufficient and successful in their everyday lives. We accomplish this through several program components including Client & Communication Advocacy (addressing specific issues 1:1 through peer support and coaching), Community Education, Information & Referral (providing training and information to individuals and/or groups), and Assisting Individual Communication (through assistive technology).

*Parent-Infant Program (PIP)* - HSDC's Parent-Infant Program (PIP) is an early intervention service for the families of deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing infants. PIP uses a bilingual model that emphasizes both American Sign Language and English to teach families to communicate with confidence. Specialists coach parents in communication strategies that reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, and prepare children with hearing loss for preschool by developing their language and literacy skills, creating a foundation for the child's future self-sufficiency.

## [HopeWorks Social Enterprises](#)

*CafeWorks Youth Barista Training Program* - HopeWorks' CafeWorks Youth Barista Training Program provides real-world employment training to homeless and at-risk youth ages 16-24. Participants are referred from Cocoon House and Housing Hope's Homeless Teen Parent Program. Each participant receives intensive support and job readiness preparation from the referral partners prior to placement. HopeWorks provides a 13 week paid internship at CafeWorks. When interns graduate from this program, they are immediately ready for employment in the food service industry and have the skills to further their career development in this field.

## Housing Hope

*Career Pathways for Homeless Teen and Young Parents* - Housing Hope's Career Pathways for Homeless Teen and Young Parents Program empowers pregnant and parenting homeless youth ages 16-24 to achieve educational and career success. This program increases parents' long-term earning potential and sets them on the path towards living-wage careers. The ultimate goal of this program is to economically stabilize these fragile families and help parents escape poverty, ensuring that these families will never be homeless again.

*Early Educational Success for Homeless and Low-Income Children* - This program provides comprehensive, trauma-informed child development services to homeless and low-income Snohomish County children ages birth to 5 and parenting education courses at the College of Hope. This program mitigates the traumatic effects of homelessness and poverty, which negatively impact children's developing brains and can lead to a lifetime of poor educational outcomes. The goal of this program is to ensure that each child is Kindergarten-ready by age 5 and each parent has the tools, knowledge and resources necessary to support their child's education and development.

*Educational Success for Homeless and Low-Income Children* - Educational Success for Homeless and Low-Income Children provides comprehensive, trauma-informed child development services to homeless and low-income children and youth ages six to 18 and their parents. This program consists of the School Age afterschool classroom at Tomorrow's Hope Child Development Center, in-home intervention services and College of Hope parent education courses. The ultimate goal of this program is to keep/get children and youth engaged in school, decrease school absences, promote academic success and increase rates of high school completion for these at-risk children.

*Emergency Family Shelter* - Housing Hope's Emergency Family Shelter Program is a front line basic needs program that brings homeless families with children off the streets, into housing and on the path to self-sufficiency. This program begins with safe, stable, free housing and a comprehensive package of wraparound services to stabilize families in crisis. A professional Case Manager helps parents establish goals and plans for the future and connects children and youth to specialized child development services. The goal of this program is to stabilize families and move them to permanent housing within 90 days.

*Escaping Poverty Through Education* - Escaping Poverty through Education provides intensive educational services to homeless and low-income parents in need of advanced education to secure positions in living-wage sectors. The goal of this program is to help parents who have traditionally been school adverse to achieve advanced degrees or vocational certificates that will open doors to high-wage careers. This program breaks the cycle of poverty by empowering parents to increase their household income and by ensuring that children grow up with strong educational role models.

*Healthy Kids, Healthy Families* - The Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Program provides health services to homeless and low-income children and parents in Snohomish County. This program includes both short-term interventions for health crises and educational programming to support long-term healthy habits. This program includes: i.) Tomorrow's Hope Child Development Center's "Kid's Clinic" sponsored by Community Health Center, nutrition and education programs, ii.) in-home intensive services for children with developmental delays and physical disabilities, and iii.) College of Hope adult life skills courses on Health & Wellness.

*Homeless Teen and Young Parent Program* - Housing Hope's Homeless Teen and Young Parent Program is the only housing and service program for pregnant or parenting homeless youth ages 16-24 in Snohomish County. The goal of this program is to stabilize families in crisis and empower young parents to escape homelessness and poverty through stable housing and wraparound services. Parents are supported to complete their education and gain skills related to housing stability and self-sufficiency. Children are supported to heal from the trauma of homelessness and poverty and achieve developmental targets.

*Housing Stability for Life* - Housing Hope's Housing Stability for Life Program is the agency's foundational program, combining safe, stable and affordable housing with comprehensive tailored services to empower homeless and low-income families to achieve self-sufficiency and ultimately escape poverty. Housing Hope has been a leader in the affordable housing and human services sector in Snohomish County for nearly 30 years. Currently, the agency owns and operates 398 units of affordable housing at 20 sites throughout the county, including 123 units dedicated to serving families experiencing homelessness.

*Internship Program for Homeless and Low-Income Parents* - The only way to truly escape poverty is through a living-wage job. Housing Hope's Internship Program fills a substantial service gap in our community by providing real-world work experience and opening the door to middle and high-wage jobs for individuals who would otherwise not be able to secure employment. This program bridges the gap between low-income individuals who have been long-term unemployed or underemployed and employers eager to fill job openings.

*Pre-Employment Pathways* - Pre-Employment Pathways equips homeless and low-income parents with the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment. This program develops the soft skills foundational to employment success, such as time management, conflict resolution and self-efficacy. These skills are taught through the acclaimed Tools for Employment and Education Success course, a two-week, 40-hour program that combines in-classroom instruction with real-world practice. Housing Hope provides this course in partnership with Edmonds Community College.

### [Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington](#)

*The Family Shelter aka Interfaith Family Shelter* - The Family Shelter provides temporary shelter, safety & basic necessities for 1 & 2 parent families experiencing homelessness. The shelter allows parents the time to breathe & know their children are safe. Only then can planning for the immediate & longer-term future occur. The shelter is 1 of 2 in the county that works with these families that include adolescent boys & single fathers with children. While at the shelter families pursue affordable housing, address challenges, access resources & education for their children assisted by professional, compassionate staff & volunteers.

### [Lutheran Community Services Northwest](#)

*Journeys Out of Poverty: Helping Low Income and Homeless Families Move from Surviving to Thriving* - Journeys Out of Poverty connects low-income and homeless individuals and families with the resources and support needed to escape poverty and achieve lasting health, stability and self-sufficiency. We help our participants to find permanent housing, full-time employment and education and training opportunities for living wage jobs, and access supports such as mental health counseling, drug/alcohol rehabilitation, health care, domestic violence intervention, parenting education and financial literacy coaching that help them to overcome barriers and live lives full of opportunity and hope.

*Journeys Out of Poverty: Focus on Multicultural Communities, Families with Limited English Proficiency and Cultural Barriers* - Employing an integrated services model, Journeys Out of Poverty (JOP) for Multicultural Families helps low-income households who are struggling due to language and cultural barriers to transcend poverty and achieve lasting stability and self-sufficiency. Our bilingual/bicultural staff offer support, navigation and advocacy to help immigrants and refugees with employment, housing, education and training opportunities for living wage jobs, ELL classes, medical care, parent education and financial coaching. We help immigrants and refugees succeed in American society while honoring ethnic roots.

*Lutheran Community Services Northwest Children's Services* - Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) partners with individuals, families, and communities for health, justice and hope. LCSNW provides foster care for neglected and abused children. We recruit, train and license foster parents who are willing to provide a range of care from temporary foster families for children who are quickly reunified with their birth parents to families seeking to adopt their foster child. We provide ongoing support and training to foster and adoptive families.



## **Mercy Housing Northwest**

**Service-Enriched Housing Program** - Mercy Housing Northwest creates stable, vibrant and healthy communities by developing, financing and operating affordable, program enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities. MHNW's Service-Enriched Housing Program in Snohomish County provides integrated onsite services that support self-sufficiency for 251 low-income families in Everett and Lynnwood earning 30-60% of Area Median Income. Two full-time Resident Services Coordinators (RSCs) provide a rich variety of holistic direct program services.

## **North Counties' Family Services**

**Darrington Youth Coalition** - The Darrington Youth Coalition (DYC) and Children's Transition Initiative (CTI) Mentoring Program, a component of DYC, were created with the goal of serving the community with courage and compassion by identifying, educating and promoting positive activities in order to reduce substance use. The DYC is a 40-member coalition driven to lower substance use and increase academic success. The CTI program reaches out to identified poly-risk youth and matches them with a trained mentor. These matches facilitate pro-social adult support with activities that provide alternatives to substance use.

**Kid's Place Early Learning Center** - Kid's Place Early Learning Center provides quality early learning/education opportunities for children ages 1 - 12. At Kid's Place we believe in educating the whole child. We know that many components of children's lives affect their success in learning: wellness, family involvement, nutrition, a safe environment, and a diverse community. Our mission is to be mindful of these components while planning our lessons, meals, and activities. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Darrington community, its children and families.

## **Parent Trust For Washington Children**

**Families in Recovery Program** - The Families in Recovery Program provides parent education, training and support during chemical dependency treatment for low-income families overcoming substance abuse. The program is embedded in treatment centers for pregnant and parenting women. It equips members with tools to implement positive family management skills, build healthy relationships and pro-social support systems, and create a nurturing, healthy environment in which children can develop and grow. The goal of the program is to break the intergenerational transmission of addiction, Adverse Childhood Experiences and poverty.

**Great Starts Program** - The Great Starts Program is a Medicaid approved and certified program, providing 15 hours of training for expectant parents. Great Starts emphasizes parent training about prenatal health, positive childbirth experiences, infant safety, stress management, parent/child bonding and developing a positive social support system. The Protective Factors of parent/child bonding, adequate prenatal health, a positive child birth experience, knowledge of infant safety, breastfeeding and increasing a positive social support system all correlate with reducing generational poverty, child abuse and neglect.

## **Secret Harbor**

**Foster Care Resources** - Foster Care Resources (FCR) recruits, vets, licenses, trains and supervises foster families. The program provides safe, therapeutic homes to children removed from their homes by the State because of abuse and/or neglect. Most children exhibit difficult to manage behaviors and delays in development due to their circumstances. FCR provides foster families with full scale case management including individual care plans, and Case Aides who help supervise and transport kids. Additionally, FCR offers respite care, extensive mental health care services, and thorough foster parent training.

**Residential Treatment** - Residential Treatment (Res) serves boys ages 6 to 19 who have suffered severe abuse and neglect. This trauma results in extreme emotional, behavioral, developmental and social problems. Boys come to the program when there are few other options. Two staffed homes, house up to six boys, and provide a family-like setting. Individual treatment plans focus on supports and interventions such as psychiatric treatment, therapy, education, recreation and mentoring that will help each youth regulate his emotions and behaviors. With this help, boys can move on to less restrictive settings.

## **Senior Services of Snohomish County**

**Aging and Disability Resources** - The Aging and Disability Resources program serves as the access point for older adults and adults with disabilities seeking services in Snohomish County. The program provides comprehensive information on available services, enabling vulnerable adults to make informed decisions when navigating the complex network of services. ADR is staffed by social workers who provide screening, in-depth assistance, follow-up, and advocacy. In addition to English, the program employs bilingual staff who are fluent in Cantonese/Mandarin, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Russian/Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

**Food and Nutrition** - The goal of Senior Services' Food and Nutrition program is to reduce food insecurity among older adults and people with disabilities. The program provides easily prepared home-delivered meals, congregate meals at meal sites, food vouchers used seasonally at local farmers markets, and basic food (food stamp) outreach. Meals on Wheels serves frail, vulnerable home-bound older adults, and adults with severe disabilities who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. Senior Dining provides hot nutritious meals for older adults at 12 sites located throughout Snohomish County.

## **Village Community Services**

**Village Training Division** - The Village Training Division serves people who have disabilities and their caregivers. The division offers group and individualized training in work readiness, independent living skills, and hard and soft job skills. Services are highly individualized and based on collaboration. One-to-one, small group, and large group training are offered, and rather than duplicating and competing with existing training programs, VCS works collaboratively to facilitate and adapt established trainings to bring them to the Village Training Division's target population.

## **Volunteers of America Western Washington**

**Hunger Prevention through Food Distribution** - VOAWW's Snohomish County Food Distribution Center coordinates the collection, purchase, warehousing, and distribution of approximately 2.4 million pounds of emergency food each year. Food is distributed through 21 community food banks (VOA operates four) and 18 hot meal programs in the County. VOA's Distribution Center is the warehouse for federal and state food programs and local food distributors in Snohomish County. VOA is also the county's largest food bank operator, serving clients in Everett, South Everett, Mill Creek and Sultan.

**Maud's House Homeless Services** - Maud's House is a 90-day shelter program serving homeless women with children. It is an 8 room facility with the capacity to serve 32 families a year, (64 children). Our program provides a comprehensive case management delivery system, which includes a service integrated model focused on the whole family. We offer the women in our program an Intensive Financial Management Training, Credit Repair and Counseling Services. For the children, we have a rotating service model that allows us to remove and insert programs based upon the needs and ages of the children.

**Sky Valley Family and Community Resource Center** - Sky Valley Family & Community Resource Center (SVFCRC) is the only integrated service center for families and individuals in rural Snohomish County east of Monroe. The center serves isolated people from infants to seniors, and the disabled. Through providing information, resources, referrals, outreach and activities the goal is to decrease isolation and increase access to mainstream and community based services.

## [WithinReach](#)

*Bridge to Basics* - Finding help is hard; WithinReach makes it easy. Our Bridge to Basics team provide in-person support to low-income families at community sites like food banks, Community Service offices, and libraries. It can be overwhelming to navigate the benefits programs available in Snohomish County. We are a one-stop-shop for information, referrals, and application help for programs like Basic Food, Medicaid, and other local resources. Our Healthy Connections model, with knowledge, screening, application assistance, and follow-up, gives families the support and tools they need to be self-sufficient.

## [Work Opportunities](#)

*Employment and Self-Sufficiency for Individuals with Disabilities* - Work Opportunities' program services are designed to decrease the unemployment rate for individuals who experience disabilities by helping them learn marketable skills; find and keep good jobs; and earn wages and benefits that help them move out of poverty. Many individuals who have disabilities are skilled workers who are often overlooked as potential employees. People with disabilities want the opportunity to be successfully employed, contributing members of the community. Our services help them connect to the workforce, earn a paycheck, and become self-sufficient.

*Independent Living Skills for Self-Sufficiency* - Work Opportunities' Independent Living Skills Program is designed to assist individuals with disabilities to make the most of their abilities and increase their self-reliance. We provide training, resources, and information on accommodations to foster independence and increase the ability to be self-sufficient and live independently. Our training includes support with money management skills, accessing health services, self-advocacy, self-care, and decision making. Our ultimate goal is to support our clients to gain skills that increase the ability to work in the community.

## [YMCA of Snohomish County](#)

*Casino Road Adult Education Academy* - The Casino Road Adult Education Academy is a unique partnership between the Y, Goodwill, and Edmonds Community College through which we offer English, GED (in Spanish), Parenting, and other Adult Basic Education classes and free child care at the Children's Village in South Everett. Located in one of our highest poverty communities, the Academy provides essential basic education to immigrants and low-income adults so that they can climb the economic ladder. Our students break the cycle of poverty through education, job skills, and the Academy's focus on a holistic, family-centered approach.

*Casino Road Scholars* - Casino Road Scholars (CRS) provides evidence-based after-school and summer learning-loss prevention programming to high-risk 4th – 5th grade students. Based on an "Afterschool Achievement Gap" YUSA signature program, Scholars combines best-practice elements to intervene in the lives of youth who are in danger of dropping out of school or participating in high-risk activities. Scholars runs from 3:30 – 6:00pm M-F, and on 1/2 & non-school days and in the summer.

*Early Childhood Education* - The Y reduces the gap between low- and high income kindergarten readiness with our licensed Early Childhood Education (ECE) centers. Through creative, physically and intellectually stimulating activities, we develop children's social, emotional, and cognitive skills while parents refine their skills in their child's development. YMCA ECE programs serve 140 children annually, ages 6 weeks – 5 years, with 44% of families receiving financial assistance. In 2015 our Y provided over \$181,000 in assistance so that low-income families could have access to high-quality early childhood education.

*School Age Child Care* - The Y's School Age Child Care (SACC) programs serve nearly 1,300 children each day, with over 450 attending our 10 high-poverty schools. Last year we provided over \$250K in assistance to youth at these 10 schools, which average nearly 50% F/R lunch rates. We seek to provide assistance to more than 200 low-income youth at these 10 schools in the 2016-2017 academic year. SACC fills the before- and after-school gap for low-income kids, providing safe places, caring adults, and academic support.



## Youthnet

*Independent & Transitional Living Skills Program* - Youthnet's Independent/Transitional Living Skills Program provides intensive case management, support services, 1:1 mentorship and group trainings to assist current and former foster youth between the ages of 15-21 with the development of independent living skills. These skills provide youth with the tools necessary to build a path toward self-sufficiency. The youth in the program learn financial literacy and budgeting, job skills training, receive educational guidance, assistance with housing, vocational/post-secondary resources, and asset development.

## YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish

*Children's Services Program* - The YWCA Children's Program works with children and their families to address low-income, marginalized and homeless children's unique situations. The Program's primary goal is to break generational cycles of poverty, homelessness and violence. Services provided that support children's resilience and family self-sufficiency include individualized and group homework support, therapeutic playgroups, school liaising, children's domestic violence advocacy and therapy. A child's opportunity for success is much more likely when the needs of both adults and children are holistically addressed.

*Shelter and Housing Services Program* - The YWCA's Shelter and Housing Services Program provides a combination of emergency shelter, housing and tailored supportive services to low-income individuals and families who are currently experiencing homelessness. The program's goal is for participants to overcome poverty by obtaining self-sufficiency, improving self-determination, increasing residential & economic stability and ultimately achieving permanent safe affordable housing. The YWCA's model of housing & services gives families the tools needed to overcome personal and systemic barriers to break cycles of poverty & homelessness.