

# King County Housing Authority Supportive Housing Programs

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# King County Housing Authority

- 3,000 units of Public Housing
- 10,000 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
  - 1500 Project-Based units
- Set-asides for targeted populations
  - Disabled (HASP)
  - Veterans (VASH)
  - Family reunification/Youth aging out of foster care (FUP)
  - Victims of domestic violence (DV)
- King County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

# KCHA's Homeless Housing Partnerships

1. Housing Access and Services Program
2. Supportive Public Housing
3. Sponsor-based Supportive Housing
4. Prisoner Re-Entry program

## KCHA Disability Vouchers

Tenant-based voucher program  
-1800 targeted disability vouchers  
-50% formerly homeless

Consortium of service partners,  
spanning various disability systems

Coordination, housing stability, and  
crisis intervention services provided  
by YWCA

## Housing Access and Services Program (HASP)



## KCHA Supportive Public Housing

Permanent supportive housing using  
“banked” public housing subsidy

Houses 48 formerly homeless  
individuals with histories of mental  
illness and criminal justice  
involvement

Minimal screening criteria

On-site service provider selected and  
funded by County mental health  
system

Manage property within existing  
public housing portfolio

## Pacific Court Apartments



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## Sponsor-Based Supportive Housing

### Target populations:

- Chronically homeless
- Mentally ill
- Homeless young adults

### Key Elements:

- Mental health providers master lease units from private landlords
- Sublet units to client and provide intensive, recovery-oriented services
- Existing relationship with mental health system that funds providers
- Tenant-based vouchers available to program graduates
- 142 rental subsidies

## Sponsor-Based Programs



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## **Prisoner Re-entry Project-Based assistance**

Passage Point – 46 units being redeveloped for parents exiting correctional facilities who have children in the foster care system.

Minimal screening.

Uses project-based Section 8 subsidy from KCHA and service funding from County and foundation sources. Run by non-profit service provider.

18 -24 month program with priority placement into KCHA public housing (without additional screening) for graduates.

## **Passage Point**



# Use a Positive Approach

- Invite local PHA to join regional efforts to end homelessness
  - Strengthens relations between PHA and local government entities
- Improve community perception of PHA by targeting special needs populations (i.e. veterans)
- Offer services to support housing stability
  - All PHAs already have hard to serve populations among existing tenants



# Final Thoughts

- Talk to your local Housing Authority
- Bring resources
- Appreciate PHA risk issues
  - (Landlord acceptance, HUD cuts, negative community perception)
- Opportunities do present themselves