

Public Safety & Human Services Committee

Human Services Department
Director's Report
February 11, 2020



The Human Services Department

Vision

The vision of the Seattle Human Services Department is that all basic needs in our communities are met through innovative and collaborative approaches. *Greater Seattle is a place where the richness of our diversity is valued, all of our communities thrive, and people grow up and grow old with opportunity and dignity.*

Mission

The mission of the Seattle Human Services Department is 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.*

Summer Food Service Program



Areas of Focus

- Preparing Youth for Success
- Supporting Affordability and Livability
 - Addressing Homelessness
 - Promoting Public Health
- Responding to Gender-Based Violence
 - Promoting Healthy Aging

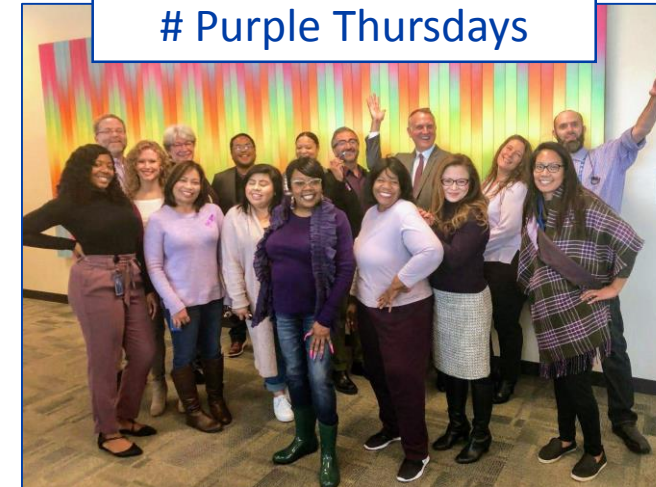
Utility Discount Program



Age Friendly Coffee Hour



Purple Thursdays



2020 Priorities

HSI – YFE – MODVSA – ADS – LAD

Strong Stewardship of Tax Dollars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify administrative, staffing, and indirect costs associated with increased investments. Continue to reduce administrative burden for service providers
Prepare Youth for Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist Seattle’s youth to gain important career skills through the Seattle Youth Employment Program Expand healthy food access in out-of-school programs for kids in need Steward the \$5 million effort to reduce sugary beverage consumption to advance health equity Increasing of investments in youth development and safety to reduce youth violence
Help Make Seattle More Affordable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing discounts to over 34,000 qualifying households through the Utility Discount Program Ensure access to healthy affordable foods through the Summer Meal Program, Senior Congregate Meal Program, Home Delivered Meals
Promote Healthy Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Area Agency on Aging Plan Expand services through the King County Veterans Services and Human Services Levy Increase access to 38,000 clients through Community Living Connections
Respond to Gender-Based Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage investments totaling over \$10.8 million and raising awareness Support interdepartmental efforts such as Access to Advocacy Network, CEASE Provide prevention and supportive services to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors and their families.
Promote Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in Seattle King County Public Health initiatives to address gun violence and reduce opioid abuse Support Community Health Centers, HIV Prevention and Education Programs, Needle Exchange Programs
Respond to Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand up KCRHA by collocating staff, seek CEO, develop staffing plan Improve & support the Navigation Team

