



Crisis Care Centers Levy



Creating a regional network of crisis care centers, preserving and increasing residential treatment beds, and investing in a robust behavioral health workforce.

Places to Recover— Residential Treatment Facilities

King County has lost one-third of residential treatment beds at a time our region needs more behavioral health care facilities.



Cascade Hall press conference

Residential treatment facilities provide:

- 24/7 treatment in a safe, supportive environment where people can receive intensive services to stabilize and recover from behavioral health conditions
- Access to treatment and recovery in a community-based setting, avoiding or shortening more costly hospital stays
- Long-term treatment as opposed to jail or institutionalization

Residential treatment supports clients in their recovery journey by helping them identify and overcome barriers to basic living skills and developing and practicing those skills. Geared toward longer stays, residential treatment can be the best and most cost-effective treatment. Clients have meals provided, receive reminders for activities of daily living such as reminders to shower, do laundry, eat meals, take any prescribed medication, clean their room, schedule and attend doctor's appointments, attend group meetings on-site, and participate in outings.



The need for residential treatment dramatically outstrips what is available now.

Between 2016 and 2020, King County providers identified over **6,000 people** who would be best served by residential services, according to a screening tool as well as other indicators of need such as homelessness, jail bookings, emergency room visits, crisis program encounters, and involuntary treatment act hospitalizations. Only **315 new people** were authorized for residential treatment during this five year period.


Loss of capacity means a loss of care

King County is rapidly losing residential treatment capacity due to rising operating costs and aging facilities that need repair or replacement. There were not enough residential treatment beds in the first place.

The Crisis Care Centers Levy will provide funding to restore mental health residential treatment to 2018 levels. **This funding will reinforce existing, licensed facilities that may otherwise close, restore facilities that recently closed where possible, and create new ones by:**

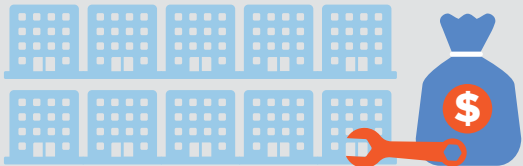
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Adding new beds to regain the 111 lost since 2018




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Providing capital and maintenance funding to preserve our remaining 7 residential facilities




Current residential treatment capacity


People who need a behavioral health supportive housing unit or psychiatric residential treatment bed find that providers **reach capacity** by mid-month.




In 2018, 355 beds providing community-based residential care for people with mental health residential needs existed in King County. Today, **only 244** of these beds are available.



Loss of 1 in 3 residential treatment beds in since 2018.



As of July 2022, King County residents who need mental health residential services must wait an average of **44 days** before they are able to be placed in a residential facility.



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