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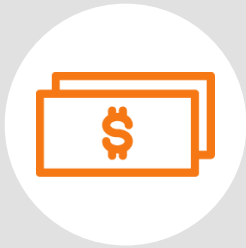


BASIC NEEDS



- At least 850 people in Whatcom County are experiencing homelessness (Whatcom County Coalition to End Homelessness 2021 Report).
- 22% of homeless individuals in Whatcom County are under the age of 18 (Whatcom County Coalition to End Homelessness 2021 Report).
- 17.8% of children in Whatcom County experience food insecurity (PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment, 2019).

ECONOMIC MOBILITY



- More than 1 in 3 Whatcom County households struggle to make ends meet (United Way ALICE Report, 2020).
- The annual household survival budget for a family of 4, with 2 children in childcare, in Whatcom County is \$78,348 (United Way ALICE Report, 2020). The median household income in Whatcom County is \$62,268 (United Way ALICE Report, 2020).
- Two wage earners, working full-time at minimum wage in Washington earn a combined income of less than \$57,000.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY



- The cost of child care in Whatcom County exceeds every other household expense, including housing, transportation, food, and health care (United Way ALICE Report, 2020).
- A strong link exists between poverty and high school dropout rates. 19% of children who have lived in poverty do not graduate from high school (Kids Count Data Book, 2018).
- Early childhood education has a better ROI than the stock market. The return on investment for high quality early childhood education is 13% (The Heckman Equation, 2017).

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