

Housing Authority of Snohomish County

Highlights from Snohomish County, WA

The Housing Authority of Snohomish County (HASCO) aims to provide housing opportunities that are as affordable as possible, that enhance the quality of life for individuals and families of limited financial resources, including persons that are elderly and disabled, and that contribute to a safer and stronger community.

Through HUD housing assistance programs, HASCO serves:

- 985 children ages 0 to 5
- 849 seniors ages 62 and older
- 2,404 children ages 6-17
- 1,748 households with disabilities

HASCO Portfolio Summary:

- Section 8 Vouchers: 3,335+
- USDA Rural Development Units: 222
- Public Housing Units: 210
- Affordable Units*: 1,694

*Approximately 12% of the total are PBV, and approximately 17% of the total are special purpose vouchers (including VASH, NED, and FUP).

*Affordable units are financed through bonds, tax credits, and other private and public funds. They are not eligible for public housing subsidies. However, some of these units may receive Section 8 PBV or PBRA subsidies, which makes them deeply affordable for extremely low-income families.

Addressing Homelessness

HASCO is a partner in a pilot program supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and by Building Changes, which may serve as a national model to address homelessness. The pilot, “Investing in Futures” is part of an initiative to end family homelessness in Washington State, and contributes to a local goal of decreasing family homelessness in Snohomish County by 50 percent over a ten-year period beginning in 2010. The first phase of the initiative identified gaps between human services systems and developed strategies to close these gaps.

Through the initial phase of the pilot, HASCO’s partners provided 75 families experiencing and at risk of homelessness with intensive case management to guarantee coordinated entry into mainstream human services systems. Navigators helped families develop family self-sufficiency plans, which are improving each family’s life outcomes in terms of housing, health, education, and employment. In addition, Navigators ensure that families are provided with the support they need at the right time, the right place, in the right amount, and for a long enough time—preventing services from being ineffectively delivered due to systems fragmentation.



Providing Housing + Services to Seniors and People with Disabilities

HASCO partners with Senior Services of Snohomish County to make a Housing Social Services program available at each of its assisted properties for seniors and people with disabilities. The Housing Social Services program includes assessments and referrals for resident needs such as medical/dental care, health insurance, chore services, meal assistance and transportation as well as education seminars on topics such as mental health, nutrition, fire safety, disaster preparedness, and financial fraud awareness. These services assist seniors and people with disabilities to live independently and provide an alternative to institutional settings.

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Creating Opportunities

HASCO makes a wide variety of early childhood and youth education programs available to families. Resident Resources staff promote the Head Start program and college scholarships to families and encourage them to pursue these opportunities for their children. HASCO also partners to provide after-school and summer enrichment programs on site at its family developments. In addition, HASCO is preparing a foundation grant application to make early childhood and youth education programs available to residents. HASCO's programming for families with children is premised on the fact that negative life outcomes resulting from adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can be mitigated by building protective factors that increase children's resiliency.



HASCO's Partners

HASCO's partners include, but are not limited to:

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Building Changes
- Catholic Community Services
- Housing Hope
- Senior Services of Snohomish County
- Snohomish County Government
- Two local school districts
- United States Department of Veteran Affairs
- United Way of Snohomish County
- Volunteers of America
- Washington State Department of Commerce
- Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
- Workforce Development Council Snohomish County
- YWCA of Seattle - King County - Snohomish County

Learn More About HASCO

To find out more about HASCO's work to strengthen neighborhoods and improve lives in Snohomish County, contact:

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Bob Davis

HASCO Leadership Profile

Bob Davis has been Executive Director of HASCO for 19 years. Prior to joining HASCO, Bob was an executive at Moduline, a company that builds and sells manufactured housing. Bob's experience also includes eight years of development management with the King County Housing Authority. His career in housing began 38 years ago with the Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York, the New York City Office of Management and Budget and the New York City Department of City Planning.

