

Anchor Community Initiative

The Anchor Community Initiative is a project to **end youth and young adult homelessness** in four communities across Washington State by the end of 2022.

A Way Home Washington helps participating communities **improve their data collection** methods, **advocate** for legislative change, **develop partnerships** with systems and service providers, and implement projects that **improve access** to services and lead to **equitable outcomes** for all young people. Our approach is modeled after Built for Zero, a framework that has ended chronic and veteran homelessness in communities across the country.

The Anchor Communities



Pierce



Yakima



Spokane



Walla Walla

Yes to Yes

Our goal is to increase communities' capacity so when a young person says "Yes, I need help" a community can say "Yes, we can help."

Ending Inequity

Young people of color and those who identify as LGBTQ+ experience homelessness at higher rates than their white, straight, cisgender peers. They also return to homelessness at higher rates and experience homelessness for longer times. Anchor Communities will measure these young people's outcomes and implement projects to reduce and eliminate these disparities.

Join the movement! Contact Elysa Hovard at ehovard@awayhomewa.org.

How are we doing it?

Phase 1:
Quality, Real-Time Data

Phase 2:
Reducing Homelessness

Phase 3:
Ending Homelessness

Sustaining