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**A Way Home Washington:  
Helping All Young People in Washington Find Their Way Home**

***No young person should be forced to sleep outdoors or in unsafe situations due to lack of resources.***

Co-Chaired by First Lady Trudi Inslee and a Council of Youth Advocates, A Way Home Washington (AWHWA) is a public-private partnership of passionate stakeholders across the state who work to prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness.

Through legislative advocacy, partnership with the state Office of Homeless Youth, and community outreach, AWHWA works to:

- **Raise awareness** by changing perceptions about homelessness and drawing attention to it
- **Connect** youth with stable housing, employment, education, and services
- Strengthen local communities and help them **take action** to develop long-term sustainable plans

*AWHWA accepts no government funding and exists through the generosity of our philanthropic partners. We regularly add additional funders, see the full list at [awayhomewa.org](http://awayhomewa.org).*

**Launching in Fall 2018: Anchor Communities Initiative**

- The Anchor Communities Initiative (ACI) is an innovative, data-driven, and equity-focused campaign to house Washington's 13,000 youth and young adults who are homeless and unaccompanied. AWHWA will build a statewide system that ensures local communities have the capacity they need to respond to youth and young adult homelessness in their area.
- Four communities will be selected for the ACI pilot program starting this fall. Through coaching and infrastructure building from AWHWA, these areas will work to end youth homelessness for their communities by 2022. We believe in "Yes to Yes" – so that when a young person or a family says, "Yes, I need support," our communities will be ready to support them.
- Our goal is to scale ACI to eventually include eight to 12 communities throughout Washington
- Anchor communities will agree to use data to inform strategies, performance, and modifications to their approach
- AWHWA is committed to geographic diversity and to reducing the disproportionality of LGBTQ+ and of color youth and young adults in homelessness

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